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IT WAS out with the old and in with the new as The Point closed and the new Odeon, complete with IMAX screen, opened on Thursday. Pete Winkelman and MK Dons players joined Odeon general manager Stephen Shaw for the grand occasion.

■ For the full story turn to page 18

Warehouse tragedy

Council investigating tragic lorry death at DHL base

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A MAN who was crushed by a lorry as it reversed into him at a warehouse has left behind a devastated fiancé and young daughter.

Krzysztof Fabian Sontowski, 35, from Campbell Park, was an employee at the DHL warehouse in Pendeen Close, Snelshall East, when he was killed on Thursday.

And now health and safety officials at Milton Keynes Council are looking into the tragic circumstances surrounding his death.

The Polish-born worker is currently being mourned by fiancé Anna Krupska and their young daughter Monica.

A distraught Anna attended an inquest into his death, which was opened by coroner Tom Osborne at the Civic Offices yesterday and was adjourned for a full hearing on September 29.

The court heard how Mr Sontowski's head and body were crushed by a container as the lorry reversed into bay five of the haulage firm's warehouse and he got stuck between the vehicle and the wall.

The cause of death was listed as 'unsurvivable' head injuries.

The lorry involved is currently being examined by police forensic examiners.

Emergency services attended the scene, including the air ambulance, but Mr Sontowski was confirmed dead at 8.21am.

Friends and colleagues have been left paying tribute to the 'charming' father.

A spokesman for DHL said: "Krzysztof was a hard working and popular member of the team at Milton Keynes, who will be sadly missed by friends and colleagues.

"We offer our deepest sympathies to his family at this sad time."

A former work colleague, Lee Bradbury, said: "I worked with Kriss for a number of years at Tesco, Fenny Lock, until we were made redundant a few years ago.

"He was a charming, decent lad with a great sense of humour and will be sadly missed by those ex-Fenny Lock staff who worked alongside him. My thoughts go out to Anna and Monica, their loss is immense."

Further questions are set to be asked about how the incident happened and the findings of the council's investigation will be reported at the full inquest.

A council spokesman said: "We were informed that a fatality had occurred involving a HGV at a warehouse in Pendeen Crescent, Snelshall East, on Thursday.

"The council's environmental health officers from the health and safety team attended the area and are now undertaking a full investigation into the incident."

DHL has said it will co-operate fully with any investigation, adding that 'the safety and wellbeing' of its workers was 'paramount to the company'.

■ If you knew Mr Sontowski and would like to pay tribute to him email editor@mk-news.co.uk.

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Theatre District revamp
A MAJOR redevelopment of the Theatre District will be discussed by Milton Keynes Council tomorrow, including the expansion of MK Gallery and the creation of a hotel and leisure units.

Housing plan disputes
MK Council faced a storm of protest last Wednesday over plans to build houses on parks, children's play areas and allotments. See **www.mkweb.co.uk** for more.

Pledge for Turing Law
ED MILIBAND claims a Labour government will offer pardons for gay men convicted under historic indecency laws. It will be called Turing's Law in memory of Alan Turing from Bletchley Park.

Willen surgery plans
THE Homes and Community Agency (HCA) has confirmed that Willen Village Surgery will remain a health centre. Concern was raised by residents that HCA would lift the covenant in favour of a nursery. See **www.mkweb.co.uk** for more details.

Celebrating women
MK COMMUNITY Foundation is asking people to celebrate International Women's Day at MK Rose from 10am on Sunday.

'Play actor' loses out on £900,000

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A SENIOR judge has ruled that Aleksandar Kovacic 'exaggerated' his disabilities to claim nearly £1million in damages after a head-on collision on the A422 near Newport Pagnell.

The aspiring social worker, who said he could barely walk as a long-term result of the car crash, will now go without a penny after he was caught on camera enjoying a trip to the seaside with his family.

The senior judge ruled at London's High Court that Kovacic 'exaggerated' his disabilities and tried to 'play-act' his way to a huge payout.

Footage secretly shot by private investigators showed him driving to the seaside, lying on a beach, taking his kids to school and clambering in and out of his car with ease.

Mr Kovacic suffered serious injuries after he was involved in the collision in March 2010, which cost the other driver, 68-year-old Norma Wroe, her life after she crossed into the path of his car.

The 40-year-old, of Hastings Road, Kempston, Bedford, sued the driver's estate and her insurers Aviva for £900,000 in damages, as it admitted the accident was caused by Mrs Wroe's negligence.

Mr Kovacic suffered fractures to both legs, his right arm, a rib and his back, as well as soft tissue damage, and remained in hospital for two months.

He later had to undergo further surgery on two occasions, after developing infections in his wounds and claimed it was a struggle to walk and that he was incapable of returning to his job as a support worker.

In his claim, which was initially supported by clinical experts, Mr Kovacic said he could barely walk, was unable to work and was suffering depression, but Aviva's suspicions were raised and he was placed under surveillance in 2013.

Videos recorded on nine days, over several weeks, showed him taking his family on a trip to Skegness – during which he drove 180 miles and was seen lying on the beach.

Due to the covertly shot footage, Judge Neil Bidder QC said he was sure that Mr Kovacic had lied and that his description of his disabilities 'simply could not be believed'.

On the one day of footage which showed Mr Kovacic struggling and using a stick during a visit to a Harley Street medical expert for the defence, the judge said he was 'play-acting' to boost his claim.

After seeing the footage, all of the experts who had backed Mr Kovacic's case changed their opinions.

Aviva had offered to settle his claim for £350,000, but he insisted on fighting for more in court, even after his lawyers withdrew from the case.

Mr Kovacic, who represented himself, claimed the undercover footage was 'unrepresentative' and did not show him on his 'bad days' and insisted that he could not return to his job or achieve his ultimate career aim of training to be a social worker.

But Judge Bidder said the odds against him only having been filmed on his 'bad days' were 'huge'.

Prison loses yet another inmate in hanging

Dwane Harper

A PRISONER was found hanging at Woodhill Prison on the same day that an inquest was being held into a previous hanging there.

Milton Keynes Coroners Court was hearing evidence about the death of inmate Dwane Harper – unaware that at the same time another inmate, Daniel Byrne, had also killed himself.

Daniel, aged 28, died on Friday – a day after attempts to resuscitate him failed.

A Prison Service spokesman said: "HMP Woodhill prisoner Daniel Byrne was found unresponsive by a member of staff on Thursday, February 26.

"Staff tried to resuscitate him but he died in hospital on February 27. As with all deaths in custody there will be an independent investigation by the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman."

Coroner Tom Osborne heard that inmate Dwane Harper's risk of self-harm and suicide was assessed as low on arrival at the prison in August 2013, despite previous suicide attempts in jail and his long history of mental health problems and drug dependency.

While at HMP Woodhill Dwane was under the care of the prison's mental health team and a psychiatrist.

His death on April 4, 2014 was the sixth of seven deaths at HMP Woodhill since 2013, until Daniel's death on Friday.

Now coroner Tom Osborne has written yet another prevent further death report to the National Offender Management Service following Dwane's inquest, which opened on Monday and ended yesterday.

An inquest is set to be opened into Daniel's death on Thursday.

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Lost and found: One dog was discovered tied to a lamppost, while another was reunited with his owner

Warden warning: microchip dogs

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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DOG owners are being urged to microchip their pets after more than 130 pooches were taken to kennels in the last five months.

Graham Corgan from Downhead Park, *pictured below*, who works as a dog collection officer for Milton Keynes Council, has told MK NEWS that stray pets in the city is a 'huge problem'.

He said: "Most people don't have a clue who to contact when their dog is lost or when they find someone's dog, and since September I have taken in over 130 dogs.

"Most were unchipped and have ended up in the pound."

In January, Mr Corgan found a dog abandoned in the snow and tied to a lamppost in Redmoor, by the Nissan garage.

Starving, underweight and terrified of people, the dog was taken to Forest Lodge Kennel in Northampton – a situation Mr Corgan added 'is far too common here'.

Fortunately there was a happy ending for this dog who was rehomed, but this is not always the case.

The importance of microchipping was also highlighted when Mr Corgan was able to reunite a dog with its owner after almost four years.

"The finder said the dog was wandering around in the bushes in front of his house," said Mr Corgan.

"I took possession of the dog and scanned him as I put him in the van. As I wrote the numbers down due to the heavy rain I missed a digit. So I rescanned him. A totally different set of numbers came up.

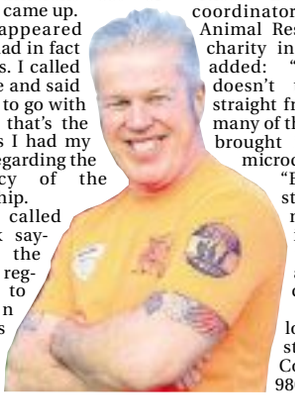
"It appeared 'Fluffy' had in fact two chips. I called the office and said I wanted to go with the chip that's the eldest, as I had my doubts regarding the legitimacy of the second chip.

"They called me back saying that the dog was registered to Milton Keynes but the other chip was the same dog's name and age, but an address in Durham.

"I drove to the owner's house and as I opened the door Fluffy recognised the area. His tail started to wag.

"As we walked from the van the owner approached us. He was understandably very emotional.

"His dog had been missing for nearly four years and he said he had almost lost hope of ever seeing 'the little fella' again."



Nicola Leach, rehoming coordinator at HULA Animal Rescue, a animal charity in Aspley Guise, added: "While HULA doesn't take in dogs straight from the streets, many of the dogs who are brought into us aren't microchipped.

"But it doesn't stop there. A microchip is ineffective if the details aren't kept up to date."

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CRISTINEL Hutunasu, 27, from Bradford, is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on Monday charged with the rape of a woman in Eaglestone on February 3.

New council homes
WORK is starting on 13 bungalows for older people with disabilities to help regenerate three disused garage sites in West Bletchley. More at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Assault outside Aldi
A 44-YEAR-OLD man was assaulted outside Aldi in Bradwell Common on Thursday. More online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Police take play to schools

POLICE have been granted funding to take a play into city schools to prevent Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Following last week's story in MK NEWS, Chelsea's Choice, a play for school students about CSE, will roll out to six schools in July.

Superintendent Gez Chiariello, Local Policing Commander, said: "CSE is, and remains, a force priority and we are investing more resources than ever before. In Milton Keynes we have a multi-agency safeguarding hub to provide a partnership response to the safeguarding of vulnerable children."

Pension row at rail works

A ROW over pensions has broken out at the Wolverton Works railway factory.

Owners Knorr Bremse are said to have asked workers to sign up to a new pension.

But one disgruntled worker, who wished to be anonymous, said the move could cost them 'thousands of pounds'.

A Knorr Bremse spokesman said: "These discussions will continue until an outcome is reached which is acceptable to both the employees and the business going forward."

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It IS rocket science

HOW ironic that the older areas of Milton Keynes, the design of which was so strongly influenced by the ideals of community and shared open space, should be under threat from a Labour-run council that we might have expected to share those ideals.

And how odd that the council should be looking to remove playgrounds and areas of greenery that add to the amenity and value of houses in some of our poorer neighbourhoods in order to provide little patches of 'infill' housing, when we have acres of undeveloped land around Campbell Park, with roads, lighting etc ready and waiting for hundreds of houses to be built.

And how even odder that the council has spent years working with 'stakeholders' trying to figure out why the east end of Midsummer Boulevard is dying, losing two supermarkets in the last few years, when such major development would probably solve the problem at a stroke.

I'd like to say it's not rocket science but to our council I'm afraid it is.

Georgina Baidoun
Pastern Place
Downs Barn

Get snapping to win a prize

Tattenhoe Park reflected in its own miniature world: Benny Hawes' artistic take on a landscape wins him an MK Monopoly game in our Amazing Milton Keynes photography competition. Keep your best shots coming in for the chance to be a winner.

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YOUR SAY ON CINEMA

Would you pay £49.50 for your family to see an IMAX film at the new Odeon Stadium Milton Keynes?

Klaire Taylor: "Nope. Add on drinks, popcorn etc and you are talking crazy money for just a couple of hours entertainment. Ridiculous."

Heidi Burrows: "No way, too expensive for 90 minutes entertainment – put popcorn and drinks on top, probably £80 gone."

Kerrie Langley: "No way, that could go towards a family day out somewhere."

Emma Walters: "I would, but it would be a rare treat. Cineworld has better offers and 4DX, so the Odeon wouldn't be my first choice."

Bex Scott: "Looked online a couple of days ago – £14.85 for a standard adult seat. I don't think so!"

Shireen Hall: "You must be joking. That's ridiculous."

Jackie Hulla: "Why do we need two cinemas?"

Street has lot to offer

MIKE Barry (*Letters, MK NEWS, February 25*) writes that Newport Pagnell High Street has 'nothing to bring people into this historic town' and bemoans the number of charity shops, cafés and tattooists.

Many people do visit the High Street to have a browse and bag a bargain in the charity shops. While in town, they might find time to have their hair and nails done, their computer or shoes repaired, visit the card shop and then pick up a gift in one of the vintage boutiques or handmade craft shops, buy a vibrant bunch of flowers from one of many florists that brighten up the street and pick up a treat from the bakery or sweet shop.

They could also visit the pharmacy, the local butcher and green grocer, the post office or health food shop. Or what about the travel agent, the wool shop or the music shop? What about the pubs and the restaurants? I could go on.

Of course there is always work to be done, but it seems to me that Newport Pagnell has a thriving High Street, with something for everyone. So instead of short-sightedly moaning about it, get out there, have a look at what is actually there and start using it!

Name and address supplied

Area looking shabby

THERE would appear to be an apparent disregard in looking after the general cleanliness of Bletchley in particular and Milton Keynes in general.

There doesn't seem to be much, if any, effort in the council's responsibility in keeping the general areas in a clean and tidy condition.

Roads, footpaths and alleys, including redways, are seldom cleaned, pruned or swept on a regular timescale.

This in turn leaves general rubbish and debris to block drains. This does not allow storm water to run away freely.

Grass and open spaces are becoming more neglected and it is virtually impossible for the council to keep on top of tree pruning.

Which all adds to the earlier mentioned issues. This is the 'city of trees' – is there any hope of any improvements to these issues in the near future?

Alan Morris
Sent via email

Mark's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Mark Lancaster MP

A STUDY published by Asda this week has announced that we now have £16 more in our pockets each week. Its report indicates that families are better off today than they were more than five years ago, allowing some to spend their hard-earned money on the things they want, rather than just the items that they need.

We have witnessed a fall in petrol prices, a welcome reduction in household energy bills and record levels of unemployment – at their lowest levels since 2008.

It is evident that having a stronger economy is affecting our bank balances, in addition to which we are currently experiencing 'deflation' for the first time in six years.

But there is still more to be done. There are those who require extra levels of support, be it through the voluntary sector, or the local council. This can be for a range of services, from food banks to simply needing a roof over your head. At no time was this more evident than when the council proposed its first budget estimations for 2015-16, which left many vital charities in MK without funding.

The public outcry was deafening. It was an eye opener to those that may have thought our economic recovery was assured. There are many people who still rely on these charitable services as their lifeline.

While I am pleased that the council has readdressed its budget to ensure these services can stay open, it means we must be mindful of the vulnerable who need our care and support in MK.

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Added hurdles: Devon Byrne and Greg Rutherford have both had funding worries

Up against an obstacle race

In what has been described as a game-changing year for sport in Milton Keynes, **Jack Ash** reports on four high-profile people who are struggling to gain sponsorship and support for their ambitions

Funding challenge: Fencer Gabi Down

THIS year promises to be an exciting year of sport in Milton Keynes, with the Rugby World Cup, BDO Darts, Northampton Saints rugby union team and England women's football team all appearing at city venues.

But while the top level of sport flourishes, it is a very different story for the sportspeople and clubs that are already here.

Heptathlete Devon Byrne, 21, has represented Great Britain and England on numerous occasions, but she is struggling to fulfill her potential because of how much it costs to compete in her chosen field.

The former Olney pancake race winner and current record holder, estimates it costs her between £5,000 and £6,000 a year to pay for her training, travel and equipment, among other expenses.

The Loughborough University student is always on the lookout for additional sponsors and believes that the Americans support their athletes in a much better way than what she is experiencing.

"I went to the USA a few weeks back and there they recruit athletes into colleges and they have everything paid for," she said.

Paralympic fencer, Gabi Down, 16, is a British champion who has had to pull out of the Rio Paralympics due to injury, but like Byrne, she has struggled for sponsorship in the past.

Terry Sullivan, Gabi's uncle and representative, said it is difficult to find people who can financially support his niece.

"She has a few sponsors, one or two locally who all give a little bit, but it is really hard. People are happy to talk, but not to dig into their pockets."

But young athletes are not the only ones suffering with a lack of sponsorship.

The year Greg Rutherford won his London 2012 Olympics long jump gold medal, the Woburn Sands star lost all of his sponsors, including clothing giant Nike.

The result was him having to do more TV appearances, speaking commitments and competing on his rest days.

The idea of the city struggling to support its sport stars is not just exclusive to its athletes, with MK Dons needing to locate a site for its current players to train properly so it can continue to find football's stars of the future.

Dons have a great reputation when it comes to bringing young players on and to help with this Dons chairman Pete Winkelman has been keen to invest in a training ground in the city.

Tickford Fields Farm in Newport Pagnell was identified as a place where Mr Winkelman wanted the new base, but after the decision to sell him the land was called in before Milton Keynes Council, the value of the site sky-rocketed from around £2million to just over £30million.

This means Dons can't afford to build the training ground in the city any more. The club is having to look outside MK, which means a top-quality sports venue has been lost for the city.

"We are looking at all our options and have extended our search," said Mr Winkelman. "We're back to the beginning now and we're just going to try and find a site that is within our capability."

Frustrated: Pete Winkelman

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Waterpark plan floats nearer

A COMPANY is a step closer to building the UK's largest waterpark in Milton Keynes.

Moirai Capital presented its proposals last year for the waterpark, sports village and event venue to be built at The National Bowl.

The company will now hold a meeting with Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) on March 30.

The park, if it gets the go-ahead, is expected to provide around 650 full-time and part-time jobs and £26million of inward investment.

Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) has granted Moirai Capital preferred bidder status for its proposed leisure development at The National Bowl. The meeting is expected to iron out further details of the park.

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Residents not sweet on store

BY SARAH LEE
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RESIDENTS of Newport Pagnell have expressed their concerns over plans for a new Mace Convenience Store in Portfields Road.

The application requests authorisation for the store to sell alcohol seven days a week from 8am to 11pm.

The premises was formerly occupied by estate agents Zest Residential.

Milton Keynes Council has received 20 objections to the application – 18 from residents who live in the bungalows close to the premises and two from the ward councillors for Newport Pagnell North and Hanslope.

'Stores sell sweets. Sweets mean children', is just one of the comments made by those living nearby, who are worried about the potential of noise and litter from people using the premises both on foot and in vehicles.

Residents opposed to the plan have already suffered damage to their fencing by youths believed to be using Portfields Road as a cut through and they are concerned this would increase if a shop was opened in the area.

Terry Lampard, who lives in Portfields Road – just 12 metres from the premises – said: "We already have youths gathering under the covered area next to our bungalow when the weather is bad and police have had to come out a few times.

"A shop opening until 11pm selling alcohol will only make matters worse. There is also a shop just five minutes from here, so there's no need for another one.

"As most people who reside in Portfields Road are retired, it is a quiet road at the moment but would change if this business came here and opened seven days a week until 11pm. I know that the lady who lives at the bottom of the alley has been intimidated by the youths who hang out in the alleyway. The shop will just increase problems."

A meeting to discuss the application will be held at the council's Civic Offices tonight at 7.30pm.

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Codebreaker's wordy wonder

BY SCOTT KIRK
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My word: Peter Hilton came up with a 51-character palindrome

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A rather strange sentence, you might think, but it's actually about as clever a phrase as you may ever read.

That's because it is a palindrome, which means that the sentence reads exactly the same backwards as it reads forwards.

And what's even more impressive is that this 51-character palindrome was created by a man who was stationed at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

Peter Hilton was a mathematician who was charged with helping to break the German army's codes during the conflict.

But when he wasn't helping to crack the code, it appears that one of the ways he helped pass the time was to come up with these palindromes.

Dr Joel Greenberg, an author and historian on Bletchley Park, said it wouldn't surprise him if Mr Hilton and his colleagues took part in competitions such as this to help stave off boredom.

"He was an interesting guy and had a tremendous sense of humour," Dr Greenberg said of Mr Hilton.

"It fits in with his sense of humour, because he was all about shapes and patterns.

"People of that era were always looking for things to amuse them.

"Most of the people at Bletchley Park were bored stiff and there were all these clever people looking for things to do."

Another palindrome that he was credited with coming up with is 'Sex at noon taxes.'

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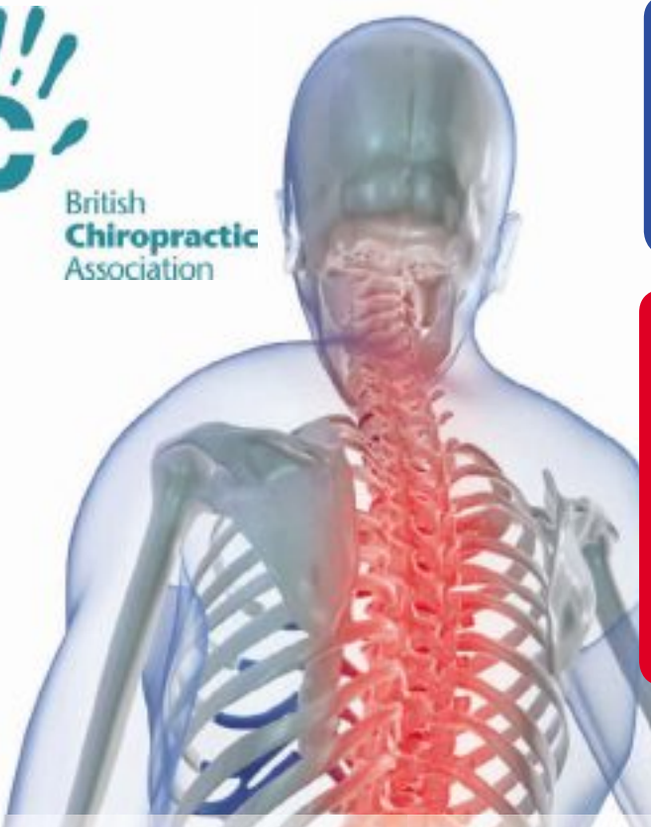

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Relief as brakes put on bus cuts

BY JAMES AVERILL
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BUS users have welcomed a move to reinstate bus subsidies after Milton Keynes Council had threatened to take them away.

And they have said it is important that the funding continues – even if the taxpayer has to foot the bill.

The council had originally proposed to cut £907,000 in bus subsidies, which threatened a number of evening and weekend services.

But an amendment to the budget last Wednesday has seen the cuts brought down to just £157,000, which should allow services to remain mostly as they are. To go towards funding it, council tax will rise by 1.95 per cent – the most councillors were allowed to increase it by.

But for bus users such as Megan Pritchard, 79, from Emerson Valley, it will make a difference.

She said: "For older people who may have to stop driving, or become frail, it's all they have to get around."

One person who also relies on the buses is visually impaired 54-year-old Paul Sumedhu.

He said: "It's a lifeline, it's the only way for me to get around without relying on lifts or expensive taxis. It was a relief to see the funding back."

Alan Francis, of Milton Keynes Bus Users Group (MK BUG), said: "It's essential that everyone can get a bus to work or hospital. It can be the difference for people who work late shifts keeping their job."

Cllr Matt Clifton, cabinet member for transport, has said he will accept an invitation from MK BUG to spend time on the buses.

He said: "I would be delighted to head down and get to know the bus routes better."

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Messed up stuff we throw away

BY NISHA MAL
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Waste not: Processing the 160 tonnes of daily recycling

NOTHING that is thrown out would surprise the people who run Old Wolverton Recycling Factory, who have encountered everything from fake designer handbags to a body bag.

Recycling oddities don't end there. Site supervisor Ian Melling said: "A few weeks ago we found a deer skin – one of the workers found it on the conveyer belt and thought it was a badger.

"It wasn't until we picked it up we realised someone had killed it, skinned it and thrown the skin into a recycling bin – it still had the head on it.

"We get a lot of passports and licences which we hand into the police station – the first time I went in with a handful of passports the officers at the station gave me the funniest look because they didn't know why I had them all."

The factory processes 160 tonnes of pink bags every day from 160,000 homes and 110 schools in Milton Keynes.

But not everything you stick in your pink bag can be recycled. Sarah Spicer, waste education officer for Milton Keynes Council said: "We get a lot of people putting dirty nappies and food in the sacks.

"The nappies have to be physically removed by someone so you can imagine what a task that is."

The recycling factory was the first purpose-built materials recovery facility in the UK and the pink bags, which we've come to know and love, came into our homes in 2003.

Andy Hudson, head of waste and environment at Milton Keynes Council, played a key part in developing the factory 25 years ago and is also responsible for a new development the department is building across the road.

It will accommodate people's black bags and aims to recycle the rubbish but to a 'lower quality' as some materials prove harder to recycle.

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Hospice in big bid for auction funds

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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We have teamed up with the city-based charity after it announced it needs to raise £3.6million every year to continue to offer its palliative care and support to patients and their families. A predicted shortfall in fundraising of about £500,000 has been announced for this financial year.

The charity supports residents and those from the surrounding area in their final days, making them as comfortable as possible with their families around them.

Many people in the area will have been touched by the charity's work either through family members or friends.

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Double-decked car park to ease crisis?

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The venue, which features an 18.5-metre wide superscreen, replaces The Point, which shut its doors on Thursday – 30 years after it opened as the UK's first multiplex cinema in 1985.

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE city's parking crisis could be eased if plans to add a second tier to car parks are given the green light.

Decking was discussed at a meeting of Milton Keynes Council last Wednesday when the budget was finally passed.

It is hoped £1million set aside for creating extra parking will bring an additional 2,000 spaces to the city centre.

Areas identified for temporary parking spaces included the large vacant 'B4' site between the V6 and Witan Gate.

Matt Clifton, cabinet member for economic investment and inward growth, which includes parking, said: "I think we are going to have to look at all the possible options.

"One of the ways we can maximise sites is by looking at decking, which could potentially double its capacity.

"It won't be suitable for every site and it does come with a cost. But we have to look carefully across the patch to see where it would be suitable.

"We will be consulting with officers, other councillors, stakeholders and residents. But we have to think about whether it detracts from the area and is it suitable for the amount of space?

"Having 2,000 spaces is still an aspiration. Certainly we would want to see at least 1,000 spaces over the next year, although we would hope it is nearer 2,000."

Decking is currently used in places like Bletchley rail station and offers another level of parking through a temporary structure, although they are considered long-term options.

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Making a stand: Ben Cohen calls in at intu Milton Keynes

Former rugby star backs liaison team

ENGLAND Rugby World Cup winner Ben Cohen was at intu Milton Keynes at the weekend, to give his support to the Lesbian and Gay Liaison team at Thames Valley Police.

The ex-Northampton Saints player fronts the Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation, which combats homophobia and bullying.

He said: "We know the next generation are great, but it is about driving a cultural change."

Taxi rules being examined again

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COMMITTEE is working to tighten up guidance for the awarding of taxi licences for both councillors and taxi drivers.

Milton Keynes Council adopted its 'statement of taxi licensing policy' in September 2014 – offering guidance on how and when licences may be awarded or revoked.

It followed an internal council audit that found a decision to award a convicted rapist licences for private hire vehicles and hackney carriages followed policy at the time.

It is hoped that making the new document clearer and more definitive will lower the chances of people with sex offences being able to gain a hackney carriage licence.

Councillor Dave Lewis is one of three councillors, along with Catriona Morris and Chris Williams, who is evaluating the document.

He told MK NEWS: "We've been going through the nitty gritty details of the document. The spirit of the policy has not changed at all, but we are going through it to make sure it is completely without doubt.

"There were a lot of examples where the word 'may' was used. This new document will make the council's intentions crystal clear."

It is expected taxi firms will be given the opportunity to discuss the document ahead of it going to cabinet.

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Harrowing history

BY NISHA MAL
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AN ACADEMY hosted a Holocaust Memorial event to teach its students about what happened during the Second World War and why it is still relevant today.

Throughout the day, hundreds of pupils collected in the hall at Sir Herbert Leon Academy in Bletchley to hear harrowing stories, listen to music recitals and meet a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor, who shared her memories of the horrendous genocide.

Gena Turgel and her family were forced to move into a cramped, squalid ghetto when the Nazis invaded Krakow, Poland, in 1939.

She said: "My story is a story of six million others, but I was, and always shall be, a witness to the mass murder of the systematic destruction of civilisation.

"When the Germans invaded Poland they came very well prepared with a list of the most affluent Jewish families, among them was our family."

Several days later a group of Nazis came to Gene's family home and spoke to her mother, telling her: "We command by 12pm tomorrow all the things we see in your home you must give to us – if not one of your children will be shot."

It is the death of her four siblings that has haunted Gena her entire life.

Her eldest brother was caught and shot while trying to escape and join the French resistance, while her other brother was shot in the ghetto.

Holocaust lesson: A respectful round of applause from pupils

In 1941 her sister Miriam was murdered after the Nazis caught her trying to smuggle in food to the concentration camp Gena and her mother had been taken to.

"My mother had to collect the logs and stone for her grave – can you imagine having to do that for your own daughter?"

"As my youngest sister she used to fall asleep on my right arm and years after I still get a cold chill there where she used to rest her head."

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Moving testimony: Holocaust survivor Gena Turgel gave Sir Herbert Leon Academy pupils a vivid account of her experiences with the Nazis. Above: Gena is presented with a bouquet

Gene said the people that were fit to work stayed alive and those who weren't were shot by the Nazis.

"I tried to save my nephew from being sent to a camp, but two Nazis grabbed him and threw him to his mother and said 'he must go with his mother' – this was the very first transport to Auschwitz, straight to the gas chamber. The tears me and my mother shared are impossible to describe." In the winter of 1944 Gena, her mother and sister Hela were moved on foot to Auschwitz.

They walked for three weeks in freezing conditions as low as -20C. She was put to work as a nurse in a nearby hospital and remained at the concentration camp until the British invaded in 1945.

The Nazis at the camp were taken as prisoners and the British troops brought in fresh water and food for the hundreds that were left starving.

Gena found love with an English sergeant and had a Jewish wedding, before moving in with her in-laws in Hendon, London.

She now spends her time working for the Holocaust Educational Trust giving talks to schools and telling pupils about her terrible experiences.

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Entrants may also be considered for work at one of our Venues, so there's even more to gain by entering!

Art project's aiming to draw people out

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN ART project has been started to bring the community together on the eastern flank of Milton Keynes.

Norman Cummings, area youth worker for Milton Keynes Council, believes this area of the city needs something to create that all-important community spirit and he hopes art can be the way forward.

He is hoping around 50 people will turn up to his weekly art sessions, which will take place at Broughton Pavilion every Wednesday between 6.15pm and 7.45pm. Everyone's work will be included on a large board within the pavilion.

"We're trying to get the community to come together and that is the whole point of this project," said Mr Cummings.

"We want to bring a representation of the area here and let people know that there is much more for people to get involved with rather than just hanging around on the streets."

Painting, drawing and many other forms of art will be on offer during the project.

At the end of the 12-week initiative, which was launched this week, Mr Cummings aims to have a formal celebration and unveiling of the artwork.

■ To get involved, email norman.cummings@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 07946 470918.

Artful plan: Norman Cummings is fostering community spirit

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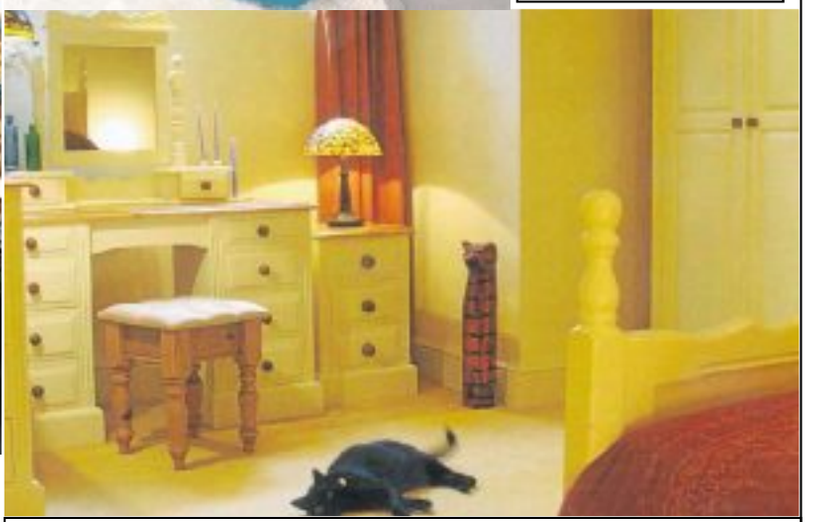

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Hollie Carter, *centre*, and friends from Long Meadow School commemorating Rare Disease Day

Charity ball has got the X Factor

THE Hope for Hollie Foundation is expecting its fundraising ball to be a real belter with X Factor winner Sam Bailey performing at the event.

The Best of British Charity Ball is an annual event held to raise money for the foundation, set up by the Carter family from Shenley Brook End after their daughter Hollie was diagnosed with the rare disease Niemann Pick Type C.

Speaking to MK NEWS Sam said: "Hollie is the same age as one of my children and as soon as I heard her story I knew I needed to help.

"At the event I will be performing stuff from my album, but none of the sad songs – more upbeat ones to inspire."

The black tie ball, which will be held on June 13 at the DoubleTree by Hilton at stadiummk, will include a drinks reception, three-course meal, disco, charity auction and raffle.

Niemann Pick Type C is a rare condition meaning Hollie, nine, cannot process cholesterol properly, leading to side effects like an enlarged spleen and memory loss.

Money raised at the ball will help children suffering from the life-limiting condition.

The foundation, which is MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year, is currently part-funding a Niemann Pick family officer, who supports families in the UK from diagnosis to help reduce the feelings of isolation and despair.

As well as raising awareness through the ball, Hollie and her classmates at Long Meadow School in Shenley Brook End celebrated Rare Disease Day (RDD) last week.

■ To buy tickets to the ball, which cost £60, or donate auction prizes, email events@hopeforhollie.co.uk.

The full interview with Sam www.mkweb.co.uk/news

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Deaths

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The death is announced in London of Professor Roger Morgan, elder son of Esther and Donald Morgan, the headmaster of Wolverton Grammar School and the first headmaster of the Radcliffe School.

The funeral service is to be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday 11th March at 1pm.

Donations, if desired, to the British Polio Fellowship.

Think twice before

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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I HAD no idea what to expect as I drove up to a park in the middle of nowhere on a quest to toughen myself up.

I had written an article on Combat Academy and knew it taught self-defence to victims of crime and others who wanted to learn how to protect themselves.

But that had all been from the comfort of my office. This was for real. As I met the others taking the course, including some big guys, two girls and an 11-year-old boy, the nerves started to kick in.

We started the day with an hour of theory, which involved watching YouTube clips of fights, mostly between American kids on the street.

After each clip we would assess what had gone wrong and what the victim should have done to defend themselves.

It was then I started to worry about what I had let myself in for. Was I surrounded by people, including an 11-year-old boy, who were spoiling for a fight?

It was only after our tough but fun warm-up with tyres and when we started to practice different moves that I started to understand and appreciate why everyone was here.

Many of those there on Sunday were working towards being instructors themselves.

Some were doormen and wanted to learn some much-needed skills and the 11-year-old not only enjoyed it but knew how to use self-defence safely against bullies at school.

I learnt some very basic but incredibly effective skills, like how to defend myself and try and warn my attacker off, how to engage with them and stop them from being in a position where they can hurt me and how to bring them to the floor and completely stop them from being able to attack me.

Diploma time: Jessica receives her certificate from Magdy Roshdy

My instructor Jason was extremely patient and a really good teacher, who helped me execute the moves until I felt confident.

After bringing some of the bigger guys, including one who was double my size and weight, to the floor, I was impressed with the skills I had learnt and confident that if I ended up in a sticky situation on my own I would have some chance of defending myself.

All of the movements were performed safely and the theory behind them was carefully explained.

We ended the session with some tough one-on-one confrontations with people at different levels.

I started to see how tough it could get and began to understand the different techniques that could really help in what could be a bad situation, such as a guy directly on top of you.

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He knew that there were bad people in the

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True grit: Jessica stands her ground in a tug of war. Below, the bigger they are the harder they fall. The youngest member of the course gives as good as he gets

world and many times we say after reading about a robbery 'touch wood that never happens to me.'

But the reality is it could and would you know how to defend yourself and scare them off?

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The army needs you

Dig in: Volunteers in Wavendon are looking for people to help tidy the village

BY SARAH LEE
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A NEW wave of volunteers are taking to the streets of a village in an all-out war on litter and unsightly areas.

The Wavendon Volunteer Army is a group villagers who have come together to carry out tasks around the village that improve the environment for the whole community.

The group was set up in September by Roger Penfound, 65, after he returned from a break in France.

He said: "I was impressed by the way the French look after their villages and thought – why can't we do the same here in Wavendon?"

Co-organiser Jim Pitman, 67, added: "In these days of austerity it seems a good idea for us to take on jobs which otherwise just don't get done.

"Roger came up with the idea of the villagers getting together to improve the area. We talked about this and I promoted the idea at a neighbourhood planning public event. We gained a number of volunteers and there are now 16 of us."

The first two projects have included tidying the shrubberies at the entrance to the village and clearing an overgrown part of the churchyard.

As spring approaches, the army hopes to take on some additional projects, including tidying the front of the church yard and possibly introducing some hanging baskets in certain locations.

If you want to help the army, and have a couple of hours to spare, the only requirements are a few garden tools and some enthusiasm.

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MK BUSINESS

Healthy pair plate up a new venture

BY JACK ASH
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THIS year promises to be a big one for the co-founders of Healthplate, Andre Murrell and Danielle Hill, as they embark on their clean eating venture, while also competing in bikini and bodybuilding competitions.

The couple have come up with the idea of delivering healthy food to people with busy lives, to make sure they have a well-balanced and nutritional diet.

The company offers three packages – performance and weight gain, lifestyle and fat loss.

The couple have done this all while juggling day jobs, gym sessions and competing.

Andre, 21, is set to fly to Denmark for a competition in May, while Danielle, 20, is getting her body toned up for a bikini competition in November.

The company has been formed to ride the wave that has seen Milton Keynes named in the top three towns for business start-ups. A more troubling statistic placed MK in the top 10 fattest towns.

The pair from Middelton were pleasantly surprised at the support they got when they launched their website, after only starting the project in August.

The venture has been helped by Virgin start up. Andre believes the idea would have never got off the ground if it wasn't for the scheme.

He said: "We initially had the idea and thought 'how are we going to fund this. We are going to need a lot of capital to make it happen?' We heard of Virgin start up and got given a mentor and we are now just in the final stages of setting it all up."

Feeding friendly: Andre Murrell and Danielle Hill are on a mission to provide healthy, nutritional food with their start-up company, Healthplate

Andre came up with the concept while in his day job as a fitness instructor when clients told him of the need for this service.

The idea will see Healthplate delivering up to three meals a day to wherever people need them, while steering away from the boring images of healthy food.

He said: "It will not just be your chicken and broccoli, we are passionate about getting flavour in there – we want to spice it up."

The year ahead should be challenging for the couple, as they take on the huge health industry. They hope to go live with Healthplate within the next two months.

Exhibition will be back

MILTON Keynes Chamber of Commerce's Business Exhibition is set to make a comeback, after organisers hailed the inaugural event a success.

The exhibition, held at Novotel Milton Keynes, attracted a high turnout from the city's business community and saw all 30 exhibition stands, and a networking lunch, booked up in the run-up to the event.

Both the 60 Minute Seminars, which focused on improving marketing and sales techniques and were delivered by chamber members, were also full.

The event brought businesses together to enable them to forge new contacts, share expert knowledge and showcase the wealth of products and services available in Milton Keynes.

Paul Griffiths, Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce's chief executive, said: "Our vision is to build and nurture a respected, influential business community and share knowledge, advice and opportunities and our Business Exhibition has a vital role in making that happen.

"I am pleased to say the inaugural Business Exhibition was a huge success and attracted a high level of attendees.

"There was a fantastic buzz throughout the whole day and the response from businesses and visitors has been phenomenal.

"I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event, from the exhibitors and speakers to the staff at Novotel.

"It was also very encouraging to see businesses using social media and in particular the #ChamberMKexpo hashtag, to engage with us so positively on twitter.

"There is no doubt that our Business Exhibition will be returning to Milton Keynes again."

Jury's Inn undergoes refurb

JURYS Inn, Milton Keynes, is currently undergoing a £2million refurbishment programme to completely transform the hotel and enhance its facilities.

As part of the makeover, the hotel has also invested in a new outdoor sign after its previous one came loose from the building.

Questions had been raised over the safety of the hotel sign at The Hubb earlier this year, when it came loose in high winds – posing a risk to passersby.

The 279-bedroom hotel, centrally located in Midsummer Boulevard, is undergoing a complete transformation of all its rooms. The refurbished ground floor area incorporates a bright, contemporary décor, chic furnishings and stunning artwork. There will be complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel.

There have been 128 standard rooms have been completed, while a further 32 executive rooms have just been launched – giving guests the option to upgrade their hotel stay.

All executive rooms are on upper floors, offering guests city views and the peace and quiet to relax or work away from the office.

The redesign, developed by Glasgow-based designers Cunningham McLean, will also feature a contemporary new bar, lobby and restaurant area

Georgina Wylie, interim general manager, Jurys Inn Milton Keynes, said: "We are incredibly excited with the significant refurbishment, including the introduction of new executive bedrooms, which are now available to book. We are looking forward to welcoming new and existing corporate and leisure guests and hope they enjoy the new and improved facilities."

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MKBUSINESS

Harvey's trip to the top

BY JACK ASH
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THE American atmosphere at Harvey's in Wolverton goes much deeper than the jukebox or the diner-themed food.

It stretches to the excellent customer service, which has helped make it the top MK eatery on online ratings site TripAdvisor.

The latest management team at the bar and grill came together six months ago and reassessed what the restaurant was all about.

They believe their success is based around the personal touch and their ability to give what the large restaurant chains can't.

There is no rush to get people up and out when they've finished and they aim to over deliver on everyone's visit.

One of their big decisions was to also step away from their previous street food theme and concentrate on even better quality food and great customer service.

Co-owner, Healey Malinki said: "People asked us if we had a van that we drove around in, it was a misinterpretation, we've now changed it so it does exactly what it says on the tin."

Big welcome: Co-owner Healey Malinki and manager Megan Billingham at Harvey's

The results have been fantastic for the venue with the comments on the customer review site singing the restaurants praises. Fifty per cent of its business now comes from the web.

Happy customers who have experienced the restaurant have said: "The food here was delicious and the service was excellent.

"We had a short wait at the bar but the staff were lovely as normal and kept us entertained until there was a free table."

On moving to the company, Healey, 45, said that his first target was always to be top of TripAdvisor. He said: "It is an honest twist on what people perceive, rather than what I can sell you.

"I always set out to be the people's choice and make their choice us."

One area that was key for the new management was employing people with a passion for the role, rather than having any experience in the industry, so that they did not have any preconceptions.

This goes for general manager Megan Billingham, who was working in retail prior to moving to Harvey's.

Megan, 21, believes that their route to success has been the quality customer service and how it is tailored to each customer.

She said: "We thrive off people's feedback, we can't afford not to take it into consideration."

Their menu is very much based on an American theme with food like the Juicy Lucy, surf 'n' turf and the giant cheese and bacon burger.

One thing that is for certain is that you are sure of a big welcome if you go.

Invites to the best in design

COUPLES looking for wedding stationery that delivers something special will find a range of unique designs to complement their chosen wedding theme on a new website.

Cranfield-based designer Sophie Webber has set up www.littlestringersinvites.com.

She says: "When I got married there really wasn't much to choose from for our wedding day stationery, so I had to design it all myself.

"By doing so I was really able to personalise every detail of our stationery and it really suited us and our wedding."

Clients visiting Sophie's website can browse her selection of new designs and see examples of all the items they will need, from save-the-date cards right through to menus, place settings and thank you cards.

All of the designs can be customised with specific colouring and wording and Sophie will even work with the couples directly if they are looking for something bespoke.

Marketing her skills online has enabled Sophie to work with couples worldwide, having recently provided the stationery for a vineyard wedding in Australia.

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Co-op is transformed

IMPROVEMENTS have been made to The Co-operative food store in Newport Pagnell's High Street, which has reopened following a £420,000 investment.

The store has been redefined with a new in-store bakery range and a focus on fresh, healthy foods and essentials.

The store is also pioneering a new role, known as a community pioneer, where a member of the food store team, Tracey Towers, will work to foster involvement in community activities, from local fundraising initiatives to developing solutions to meet community needs.

As part of the opening day, Milton Keynes-based charity Headway was given a £200 donation.

Bank makes best list

SANTANDER bank, which employs more than 3,300 in its Milton Keynes office, has been announced as one of the UK's best employers, being placed in The Sunday Times 25 Best Big Companies to Work For 2015 awards.

In their 15th year, the awards were revealed at a ceremony in central London. The prestigious annual rankings are based on eight key indicators of staff engagement, including wellbeing, leadership and personal development.

Santander is a major UK employer with more than 20,000 staff and a network of more than 900 branches.

Bakery expands with new site

BRIOCHE Pasquier, the French family bakery founded in 1936, has completed the building of its new production site in Milton Keynes.

Construction of the 20,000m2 site began in March 2014.

The commercial team has been based in Milton Keynes for 12 years, successfully growing the company, which now exceeds £36million turnover. The factory is planned to be operational before the end of 2015 and the company is currently recruiting for people to join its team in engineering, administrative and production roles.

The team is currently 30 strong. However, the company is looking to double its workforce by the end of the year.

Pucker up for a tasty Snog

Yoghurt treat: Snog has opened a concession at MK Odeon

BRITISH frozen yogurt brand Snog has kicked off the spring season by opening its first cinema-based shop at the new state-of-the-art Odeon in Milton Keynes.

Snog is loved by everyone from Stephen Fry to Harry Styles and Tom Daley.

The original yogurt is fat free and sweetened with Agave nectar, a natural sweetener which creates Snog's distinctive, signature taste. Snogs can be customised with a large selection of tasty fruity and crunchy toppings.

IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN YOU ARE PLANNING TO FAIL

About a year ago I read a survey that had been compiled by AVIVA on people's attitudes to retirement planning. Its results were no surprise to me as I have been advising pre-retired and retired people for more than 20 years now. Nonetheless it made for fascinating reading.

The major conclusion of the survey was that the typical British person doesn't even begin to seriously think about retiring until he or she is aged 48-52 on average!

Whilst you can improve your retirement position by planning from this age onwards I put it to you that it is far too late to make a significant difference if only because it leaves you with much less time to plan your retirement.

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Michelle gift wraps success

INVENTED in a second, Michelle Neale's new take on present wrapping, Lux-Wrap, looks set to make her business fortune.

She was racing out the door to a birthday event five years ago when she realised she had forgotten to buy wrapping paper.

Ms Neale, 46, of Shenley Brook End grabbed a helium balloon left over from her own birthday celebrations, cut it open and wrapped it around a bottle of wine.

Just like that, Lux-Wrap was born.

After extensive research into developing the creation into a marketable product, it is now being sold in Budgens and Thorntons stores throughout the UK and via retailers in countries including Finland, Germany and Portugal.

The entrepreneur has now launched a multipurpose wrap and is in talks with multi-national companies about the product, after winning a highly commended accolade at the Gift Of The Year Awards 2015.

It's a wrap: Michelle Neale with her enterprising Lux-Wrap

Coupon book aims to rescue our shops

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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WITH as many as 18 shops closing a day nationally, one company believes that extensive discounts, through a coupon book, is the way to reinvigorate the local retail economy.

As the country's traditional shops come under constant threat from the online market, Mitah Enterprises from Crownhill is preparing to launch The Ultimate Coupon Book.

The company hopes this solution will help curb the problem and be beneficial to both local businesses and consumers.

The discount coupon book will contain more than 500 coupons, with savings worth hundreds of pounds from businesses in Milton Keynes.

Containing only coupons from independent businesses in the area, the book is aimed at reigniting support for local businesses while at the same time offering fantastic discounts and savings to residents as an incentive to shop local.

CEO Michael Matope said: "The coupon book is to encourage people to shop local and support local businesses, at the same time offering an opportunity to save money.

"As a further commitment to the local community, upon the launch of the Ultimate Coupon Book, we will be donating 10 per cent from the sale of each coupon book to various local charities and causes throughout the area.

"So we believe it creates a win, win situation for everybody – local businesses, residents, charities and the local community at large – as it means money will stay in the local economy and will benefit us as a whole in the long run."

The Ultimate Coupon Book: Buckinghamshire Edition will be launched on April 1.

It will contain coupons from around 200 businesses in 30 different categories.

Companies which have signed up so far include Yenna Bean coffee shop in Grange Farm and Ironing 4 U Ltd in Crownhill.

The book will retail for £30 and will be distributed via local charities and schools.

If the book is a success, Mr Matope would like to launch a discount app for smart phones too.

For more information, or to have your business included in the book, visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Week urges apprentices to aim higher

AS THE country prepares for National Apprenticeship Week, which begins on Monday, Milton Keynes businesses and apprentices are helping to spread the word about the positive impact of apprenticeships.

With data revealing a 14 per cent increase in apprenticeship vacancies posted online by businesses in Milton Keynes, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) is keen to share how it is building a diverse and motivated workforce through its higher apprenticeship in professional services.

With offices throughout the UK, including Milton Keynes and globally, PwC is one of the world's leading providers of professional services, including assurance, actuarial, consulting, deals, tax and technology.

The organisation worked with the National Apprenticeship Service alongside other employers and professional bodies to design, develop and publicise a higher apprenticeship in professional services, which launched in 2012.

So far, PwC has recruited more than 160 young people on this higher apprenticeship.

Many organisations in the professional services sector see higher apprenticeships as a way to attract the talented people that they need for their organisation to grow.

Higher apprentices at PwC gain professional qualifications relevant to their chosen field, such as a certificate in management consulting.

Company has been going for precisely 40 years

SHROVE Tuesday was a flipping brilliant day for Olney Precision Ltd, as the company celebrated its 40th anniversary.

The leading CNC machinists company, based on Yardley Road Industrial Estate, is a family run business.

It was started by Alan Fields in 1974, on the town's most historic day – Pancake Day.

CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machining is a process used in the manufacturing sector, which involves the use of computers to control machine tools.

In its 40 years the company has made items for industries in the aerospace, medical, defence and motor sport sectors, including, most famously, one of the submarine propellers in a James Bond movie.

The business, now run by Alan's son Ian, employs nine people, including an engineer who has been with them for 39 years.

Ian, 60, from Sherington said: "We started off quite small and have just grown and grown over the years."

Going strong: Olney Precision Ltd has chalked up 40 years

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NEW INSTRUCTION

Unit 3a, Monkston Park

- 420 sq ft
- A1 unit also suitable for coffee shop
- Anchored by The Cooperative
- Busy Local Centre
- Free shopper car park

Oakgrove , Milton Keynes

With 1,005 new homes under construction, including a school and nursery, Oakgrove Village boasts strong prospects for future population growth. Units 4 and 6 are available to let.

- Unit 4 is 1,452 sq ft and Unit 6 is 1,252 sq ft
- Planning consent for A1/A2/A3/A4 use
- Anchored by a new Waitrose supermarket (42,590 sq ft)
- Recent opening for Costa Coffee and Metro Bank (6,000 sq ft)
- 330 free car parking spaces

Quoting rents on application

NEW INSTRUCTION

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Gruyere cheese soufflé with mushroom ragout (V)
MAIN COURSE
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Confit chicken breast, sauté poatatoes, asparagus & wild mushroom sauce
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Fill-a-Bag Sale: 8am – 12pm, Saturday 7th March. Walton High School, Milton Keynes, MK7 7WH. Pick up a bag on entry and you can fill it full of fab fashion for just £10. Entry 8am - 9am: £3. 9am – 12pm: £1.

Zumbathon: 2pm, Saturday 7th March. Walton High School, Milton Keynes, MK7 7WH. Make some moves with the funky latin & world rhythms. Get a total body workout and help raise money for Willen Hospice. £10 entry.

Auction: Ends this Friday! Visit **mkweb.co.uk** to find out how to bid. Lots include a bundle including an X-Box One and a laptop, day out experiences, a 32" HDTV, golf memorabilia, signed MK Dons shirts and much, much more.

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Don't be a dummy in fashion stakes

CALLING all fashionistas. March is fashion month at intu Milton Keynes and it's time to let your true colours shine.

The shopping centre is the place to be for fashion fun and all the hottest trends, with must-have items and new styles and colours that are absolutely essential for every spring/summer 2015 wardrobe.

Fashion month officially begins on Saturday with an electrifying human mannequin fashion show in partnership with Hello! fashion monthly. Watch as the mannequins come to life and show off the latest looks from stores across the centre.

It will be jam-packed with SS15 fashion favourites and special offers.

To round up fashion month, the annual intu Milton Keynes eco weekend will have a fashion twist on March 28 and 29. In true eco style, fashion and textiles students from Milton Keynes College will be presenting The Denim Upcycle throughout the weekend.

The students will be in the centre with their sewing machines, showing shoppers how to upcycle denim garments to give them a stylish refresh.

There will also be clothes amnesty boxes in the centre throughout March for shoppers to donate their unwanted items.

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pianoman

ONE of the world's most respected pianists, Melvyn Tan, is heading to Wavendon's The Stables.

This recital promises to be a thrilling and spellbinding occasion for fans with the rare chance to hear the renowned virtuoso.

The universally acclaimed Tan is a regular at London's Wigmore Hall and Royal Festival Hall.

He has also played at New York's Lincoln Centre, Vienna's Konzerthaus and Musikverein, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw and festivals such as Salzburg and Edinburgh.

Reviews unanimously acknowledge his phenomenal technical skills and brilliant technique.

Yet they also praise his exquisitely balanced clarity and lyricism, elegance, refinement and grace.

Melvyn Tan will be playing at The Stables on Sunday at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost between £13.50 and £18.50. Student tickets are £6.

Tickets can be bought from thestables.org website.

ghostlychiller

ALTHOUGH it is 25 years since The Woman in Black was first performed in Scarborough, the shiver that you feel running down your spine as the lights fade in the theatre is just as chilling as it ever was.

The production opened in London in 1989 and has gone on to tour the United States, South America, Tokyo and Singapore.

Now celebrating its 25th year in the West End, more than seven million people have lived to tell the tale of one of the most terrifying and successful theatre events ever staged.

Stephen Mallatratt's adaptation of Susan Hill's best-selling novel tells the story of Arthur Kipps (Malcom James), a lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black.

The borders between make believe and reality begin to blur and the flesh begins to creep.

The play will be at Milton Keynes Theatre from March. 23-28. Book your tickets with the theatre's box office. Call 0844 871 7652 or visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

doggyday

HULA Animal Rescue will be celebrating Mother's Day a week early with a special event on Sunday.

Mum's the Word from 1-3.30pm will include lots of fun activities for the family and dog lovers.

There will be a HULA dog parade from 2.30pm at the sanctuary, based at Glebe Farm in Aspley Guise.

You and your pooch can also enjoy some pampering with beauty treatments for humans and canines.

And if that is not enough, there will be a family fun quiz, refreshments in The Trough Cafe and lots of Pet Bed Shed bargains.

Admission is only £2 for adults and children can attend for free.

All proceeds will go towards the care and welfare of HULA's animals.

As well as many dogs, cats and small animals, the farm is also home to ducks, chickens, a cow, goat and other farm friends. There is free parking at the sanctuary.

killerriffs

GLAMOUR Of The Kill are hailed are set to hit the big time and the rest of the world is about to get in on the action.

On a more local level the guys have The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton, on the radar for one of their gigs.

Drawing from a deep well of hard-driving music with rebellious disregard for the restrictive rules, Glamour Of The Kill raise the flag high for the partying vibe of 80s hair metal and the soaring energy of today's more aggressive vanguard of sound.

A four-piece band where everyone's attention to musicianship is paramount yet never puts the goodtime atmosphere at risk, Glamour Of The Kill expertly consume and utilise the gallop of Iron Maiden and the party rock of Sunset Strip.

With a mixture of energised pop and crunchy metal, Glamour of the Kill's priorities boil down to big riffs and even bigger choruses.

The band will be performing at The Craufurd Arms on Sunday at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and can be bought on the door.

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TRAVEL to paradise in your own front room as the popular fourth series of TV's Death in Paradise is released as a box set.

The idyllic Caribbean Saint-Marie is a paradise island where anyone would love to live and work. But it's hell for quintessential English cop Richard Poole (Chris Marshall) who feels like a fish out of water.

Totally unsuited to the Caribbean way of life, he hates the sun, sea and sand and isn't used to a laid-back style of policing. Despite all this Poole is a brilliant detective who puts professionalism ahead of pride.

The series four box set is available from Tesco for £15.

singingstar

A STAR of the West End stage will perform in Milton Keynes on Saturday.

Tabitha Webb has been Christine in Phantom of the Opera and Cosette in Les Miserables, as well as directing her own production, Love Beyond, at the Wembley Arena.

She will visit the Sixth Form Theatre at Shenley Brook End School for Love Changes Everything – an evening that is open to everyone.

She will sing songs from West End shows and talk about the two charities she is supporting – The Oak Tree Centre being built in Shenley Brook End by the Shenley Christian Fellowship and an Asian hospice for people who are homeless and dying, planned by city third-world charity, Interserve.

She recently visited the area to train a chorus of 30-plus children from Shenley Brook End, Long Meadow and Giles Brook schools, who will accompany her for part of the evening, which starts at 7pm.

Tickets are £9 (£7 for under 18s and over 65s) from www.scf-mk.org.uk/events/tabitha-webb or 01296 720450.

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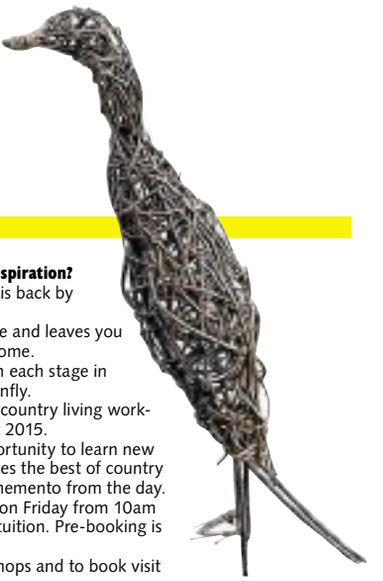

willowweaving

Looking for a fun day out, a new hobby, or just some inspiration?
Then Frosts Garden Centre's Willow Weaving, which is back by popular demand, could be just what you're looking for.

Willow weaving is an art form which celebrates nature and leaves you with a beautiful memento to display in the garden at home.

Frosts' one-day course will guide participants through each stage in creating their very own willow chicken, goose or dragonfly.

The hands-on course is part of Frosts' gardening and country living workshop series, which offers monthly activities throughout 2015.

The workshops are designed to offer visitors the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy a hands-on activity – each one celebrates the best of country living and will leave visitors with new expertise and a memento from the day.

The course will take place at Frosts in Woburn Sands on Friday from 10am to 4pm. Tickets cost £50 and include all materials and tuition. Pre-booking is essential.

For more information on Frosts' country living workshops and to book visit www.frostsgroup.com or call 0800 954 9484.

carnivaltime

IT'S Carnival time – and you could be invited to join in.
The Electric Daisy Carnival is returning to The National Bowl in Milton Keynes on Saturday, July 11.

Confirmed artists playing the festival so far include Paul Van Dyk, Pendulum, Sigma and Route 94 – with more big acts set to be named.

A legendary venue, the bowl provides the perfect setting for EDC UK, while the brightest stars in dance music will light up four breathtaking stages, each possessing their own unique vibe.

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D) The National Bowl

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finefocus

FILMS about con artists can be tricky. Often the spark and charm is sucked out of the story, not long after loving gazes are cast across crowded rooms and a string of dizzy double-crosses ensues.

Fortunately, Focus avoids those clichés, to deliver a smart and sexy story that sees Will Smith return to a charming and confident role for the first time in a while.

Smith stars as master conman Nicky, who takes novice thief Jess under his wing to teach her the tricks of his trade. The pair's relationship soon turns from business to romance, but when she grows too close for comfort Nick abruptly calls things off.

Three years later Jess is an accomplished femme fatale and turns up in the middle of Nicky's latest scam, but with stakes this high Nicky's feelings for Jess threaten to land them both in danger.

Focus is near flawless as it delivers slick laughs and tense moments, often switching effortlessly between the two.

With scams of all sizes it would be difficult to keep up, if it wasn't for the sizzling dynamic between Will Smith and Margot Robbie.

Robbie is stunning in every scene and proves she can keep up with the acting heavyweights. Smith oozes his trademark charisma and his unique blend of comedy and drama make this film highly enjoyable.

But it's Robbie's ability to bounce around quips of her own, to complement Smith's wit, that really take it to the next level.

Adrian Martinez also stands out as the openly perverse and foul mouthed Farhad, who steals the limelight from Smith in several laugh-out-loud moments.

The script is ludicrous in places and the plot a little clichéd with twist after twist which,

quite frankly, we couldn't care about. It's the chemistry between these characters that draws our focus with stunning backdrops from New York, New Orleans and Buenos Aires providing vibrant settings.

By the end you have no idea who is conning who, but with likeable characters and a healthy dose of comedy at just the right moments, what's not to like?

Rachael West

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Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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harmonicwomen

THE Venue will welcome back Sian Edwards to conduct a very special concert performed on National Women's Day.

Designed to recognise the talent of women involved in classical music, Sian will be joined by Anita Watson, **pictured**, who broke the family tradition of becoming an accountant and, after deciding to study at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, went on to win the Australian Singing Competition.

The concert will take place on Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets can be bought from the Milton Keynes City Orchestra website at www.mkco.org and cost £22.

snapdecision

THIS fun workshop is based around all the bits on your camera that you have always wondered about, including the different lens and their uses, ASA control and framing a picture.

After getting to grips with the basics there will be two simple projects to help you underpin what you have learnt and discuss the results.

The fun workshop will be held at Westbury Arts Centre on Saturday from 10am until 1pm. Tickets cost £25 and you can register your interest by emailing admin@westburyartscentre.co.uk. Hot drinks and sticky buns are included in the price.

silverlining

MIKE Silver is a consummate guitarist and always catches his audiences by surprise with that extra bit of dexterity, just when they least expect it.

Judge for yourself on Friday when he appears at The Song Loft at The Cock Hotel in Stony Stratford.

His voice is full and crystal clear and his skill with an audience is outstanding. He is also in a class of his own when it comes to writing and performing.

He makes audience involvement an art form because of the songs and the way he delivers them. Tickets for the gig, which starts at 8.15pm, cost £7 on the door.

hilarioushenry

AFTER a brief career in computer animation Henry Parker decided to give comedy a go.

He started out doing stand up in rooms above pubs and in 2008 the funnyman, who will appear at The Comedy Cow on Friday, March 20, won the Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year competition and realised he might be onto something.

Since then Henry's many comic talents have seen him carve out a career as a comedy writer, stand up, actor and cartoonist.

Tickets cost £10 and can be bought from www.comedycow.co.uk. The gig will be held at the red dot bar, stadiummk, and doors open at 7.30pm.

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SARAH attractive 25yr old single female, slim, feminine with long hair and big eyes, enjoys being fit and healthy, socialising, WLTM male 18-35 for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413423**

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age. I'm tall, slim and dominant. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box No: 415301**

CARRIE 29yr old fun single mum who enjoys cosy nights in, music, travel, occasional night out, concert, travel, seeking romantic male 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413019**

ANNE, mid 40's, cheerful busty cuvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. **Tel No: 0905 002 1953 Box No: 410291**

WENDY 5ft 9ins, 59, likes walks, seeking honest, caring male for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413551**

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CARLY mid 30's bubbly outgoing genuine female seeking similar sincere down to earth male to enjoy socialising, beach walks, romantic walks and cosy evenings in, 35-50yrs **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412935**

TARA, confident lady, long legs, long hair, seeks a saucy man of any age for daytime, no strings fun. **Tel No: 0905 002 1913 Box No: 414701**

LISA 19 young inexperienced and lonely, 5ft 5ins, very curvy and cuddly build, loves shopping, going out, seeking fun loving understanding mature guy for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412913**

SUSIE, discreet married lady, young 36yrs seeks uncomplicated times with man any age or area, all texts answered. **Box No: 4459437**

BECKY 30's slim size 10, big blue eyes, considered stunning, fun, caring, seeking reliable guy to enjoy nice times with, no ties or complications pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412595**

FELICITY, professional female, 32yrs, blonde, curvy, fun. Travels a lot and wltm chap for occasional fun on my travels. **Box No: 4459438**

LOREN pretty petite 24yr old female, likes swimming, walking, cosy night in watching a movie, seeking caring well built loving male with nice personality 30-45. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413015**

LINDY, 43yrs young, married with husband away. Seeks discreet gent any age/area for no strings. **Box No: 4459439**

JULIE 46yr single female, long dark blonde hair, big blue eyes, loves home cooking followed by cuddles on the sofa with a nice wine, seeking genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412907**

JENNI, sensual lady, 23yrs seeks mature experienced man for no strings, daytime fun. **Box No: 4459440**

BECKY 38yrs stunning size 10, big blue eyes, feminine, long hair, honest, fun, seeks honest reliable male to go out with, have a nice time and some much needed fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412597**

SALLY, 36yrs, married but husband works away seeks discreet gent any age for fun only. **Box No: 4492484**

LYN 76, fit, seeks gent, 60 plus, N/s, clean shaven, no animals for companionship/relationship. Reading area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412803**

SAMANTHA, solvent, sensual business women, 38yrs, travels a lot and seeks fun on the road. I'm married so please be discreet. **Box No: 4495859**

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JASMINE, 22yrs, seeks older gent for daytime meetings as she works a nightshift most days. **Box No: 4495860**

LAUREN 24yr old petite blue eyed barmaid, slim brunette, pretty, sporty, likes cosy nights in, WLTM caring well built easygoing male for meets, 30-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411211**

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SHARON 32yrs and still soul searching for Mr Right, I enjoy keeping in shape, caring for people, seeking loving respectful guy who also knows a good time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412049**

FREYA 33 6ft blonde, loves dancing and have a good time, employed, own home, one son, seeking similar laidback guy/dad for date, chats and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412045**

MARILYN really nice curvy tactile female, loves romantic walks, cosy nights in, quality times, looking for nice male to spend time and fall in love with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411871**

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RACHAEL, 36yrs, looking good for my age but need some daytime excitement. All text's answered. **Box No: 4507091**

CHERYL 21yr old single mum of one, slim, attractive, long hair, seeking true honest male up to 40yrs to put some fun back into life. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412385**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412369**

JANE bored 43yr old student with plenty of spare time, likes drinks out, walking my dog, swimming, looking for similar lonely companion, 38-50. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412357**

SARAH 25 petite slim attractive blonde student, enjoys keeping fit, looking good, socialising, going out, being a mum WLTM similar fun genuine guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411537**

33YR old sick of being single working mum, OHAC, likes the simple things in life, looking for romantic, honest guy with GSOH for cosy nights in and fun nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411887**

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MELANIE tall curvy attractive bubbly female who loves meals out, cosy nights in with a nice wine, walking, seeks professional male with outgoing GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411509**

ANGIE 32 curvy size 16, very attractive, good company and really fun to be with. What are you waiting for? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409255**

SUE young at heart female, very adventurous and looking for no strings fun with mature man. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409251**

VICTORIA 38 fun loving and single looking for fun times with male, preferably Asian. Any age. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 408729**

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JOANNE 36yr old single self-conscious mum, likes pubs, clubs, nights in/out, coast, seeks faithful kind guy 30-45 to share the rest of my life with so no time wasters pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410569**

LEANNE young curvy single female looking for smoking hot single guy to enjoy nights in/out full of laughs and good times. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410563**

MARIE 37yrs slim attractive caring, likes meals in/out, cinema, tennis, keeping fit/active, WLTM fun loving, reliable man for friendship leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411037**

LYN 34yrs, pretty petite dark haired female, loves music, meals out, quiet drinks out, seeking caring male with GSOH who can make me feel special again. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410137**

SUSAN 29 green eyes, dark hair, slim, looking for Mr tall dark and handsome to take me out, enjoy adult times without complications just fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410957**

JANE pretty size 12, loves going out socialising, countryside, meals out, looking for no strings fun, nothing heavy, give me a call if you are seeking similar. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410579**

SUE optimistic divorced lady with OHAC, good job, enjoys meals out, cinema, countryside, pub lunches, looking for likeminded outgoing happy male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410467**

CATHY very much a lady seeks gent up to 62yrs who would appreciate an independent professional sassy female who loves to be wined, dined and romanced. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410301**

DOWN to earth easy going, attractive lady, likes walks, theatre, travel, restaurants, seeks male, 58-68 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410787**

LAURA happy size 12-14, attractive, loves shopping, gym, music, clubbing, eating in/out, looking for sincere honest male looking for more than just good fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410713**

KATIE 21yr old very attractive female who is up for most things, looking for daytime fun, no strings and discreet pls. Age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410573**

Men seeking women

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JASON 42, self employed, 6ft 2ins, attractive, toned, firm, athletic, seeks daytime discreet meets with passionate fun female up to 59. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413331**

50S male in relationship looking to meet female to get fit together - eg gym, walking, cycling etc. Fed up with competitive guys! ACA age looks not important. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4460350**

DAVE genuine guy, 6ft, black hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes sports, gardening, music, seeks female with GSOH and genuine. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 388372**

TALL black male, seeking no strings fun with female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413271**

JAMES, 45yrs, solvent caring gent, recently divorced seeks genuine lady to wine and dine. Single mums welcome. **Box No: 4459441**

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413261**

DAVID mid 50's, seeking mature adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413135**

KEVIN 46, 6ft 6ins, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more, honest, truthful, various interests, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413119**

40YR old average blond hair, blue eyed male, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412851**

ROBIN 50, half Swedish, tall, slim, likes meals out, music, seeking tall, unconventional girl, 40-60, happy in heels or wellies. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412781**

MALE semi-retired, practical, musical, seeks black lady to spoil and pamper. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412203**

ASIAN male, 37, normal build, seeking Indian female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 411663**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **0906 515 4426 Box No: 411467**

ATTRACTIVE 35yr old male, seeks lady for fun times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409769**

WHITE gent 58, fun, good looking, seeks lady friend, any age. London. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 353301**

NEGLECTED male seeks female for daytime chats, coffee, lunches and discreet adult passion. Age/status unimportant, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 406805**

ATTRACTIVE ex model, 42 seeing regular daytime fun, age/race/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 379963**

OLDER woman 65 plus wanted by younger, tall male with OHAC and GSOH, hardworking, self sufficient for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405055**

PETER 66, 5ft 9ins, fair hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes countryside, seaside, animals, nights in, seeks female for LTR. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410723**

BERNARD 63, brown hair/eyes, seeking lady for soul mate, romance and TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409883**

BLACK male, 6ft 2ins, shaved head, seeking white female, brunette/dark hair. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409789**

RELIABLE black male, 50, 5ft 10ins, outgoing, funny, fit, seeks honest female wanting true love and happiness. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407903**

BLACK male, seeks white female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405703**

MID 50's XL retired male, own car, accommodation, honest, caring, loving, romantic, loves animals, music, outdoor life seeks someone to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 406601**

TREVOR 51, likes nights in/out, pubs, clubs, walks, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 409023**

DAVE 50's, widower, healthy, loving, kind, seeking female, 30 plus for friendship, possibly more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 408601**

MALE 46, kind, loving, WLTM genuine lady 45-50 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 404301**

57YR old male, 5ft 8ins, brown eyes, widower, seeking female, 30-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 408041**

STEVEN attractive male, seeking no strings meets in Hemel/Aylesbury areas. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 375197**

PAUL 50 5ft 10ins, GSOH, caring, seeks female 40-50 in MK for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 405141**

WARM genuine, black male, employed, reliable, caring, enjoys socialising, seeks lady for laughter and romantic adventures. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 396193**

MALE 49, tall, slim, likes countryside, animals, walks, music, history, nights in, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407189**

DEREK 63, easy going, seeking female for share fun and life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407581**

STEVE part time carer, looking to meet female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 406075**

MALE 45, WLTM natural redhead 40-60 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 393773**

GOOD looking male, 39, likes sports, fitness, friendly, fun, seeks female for discreet fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 375060**

MALE 42, seeks black female, slim, 40-45 for LTR. Single mum welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 371854**

1960'S Australian import, good bodywork, strong, well serviced V8 engine, garaged in Wokingham, call for no strings test drive. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407315**

ATTRACTIVE 35yr old male, seeks lady who dresses to please for nights out and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 361597**

GRAHAM 51, looking for uncomplicated adult fun, age/looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407105**

MALE 49, tall, slim, likes countryside, animals, walks, romantic, tactile, own flat, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 407055**

YOUNG at heart 71yr old male, 5ft 4ins, medium build, easygoing, likes gardening, DIY, countryside, seeks nice lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 392003**

Men seeking men

GAY male, 48, seeking gay/bi guy 40-60, slightly overweight for adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 412973**

RICHARD 48, gay, blond hair, blue eyes, chubby, big hearted, seeks younger, slim, gay white/Asian male for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 341842**

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Monkston Park

RHYEN Jordan Estate Agents Milton Keynes is proud to bring to the market this exceptional five double bedroom detached executive family home situated on one of Milton Keynes' most sought-after and desirable locations of Monkston Park.

The Ouzel Valley Park meanders behind the property, which boarders on the western side of the Grand Union Canal where you can take a leisurely walk to the award-winning The Swan Inn in Milton Keynes Village and Ye Olde Swan in Woughton on the Green.

Upon entering the home, you get a feeling of space in the entrance hall, which leads onto the generous sized lounge, cloakroom, second reception/formal dining room, utility and the kitchen/breakfast room.

On the first floor there is a master bedroom with an en-suite and dressing area, bedroom two with direct access to the family bathroom and bedrooms three and four. Stairs rise to the second floor, which has a further two double bedrooms and a bathroom, creating ideal living accommodation for a large family with teenagers in need of their own space.

This home, on the market for £625,000, is a must for internal inspection. For more details call Rhyen Jordan Estate Agents Milton Keynes on 01908 303664.

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- Garage & Rear Garden

A five bedroom detached property overlooking parkland in the popular Hazeley School catchment. Benefitting from flexible living accommodation set over three floors and is being sold with no chain. Viewing is highly recommended.

£550,000

Downhead Park

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage

A unique designed property that has been improved and extended to a very high standard and offers versatile spacious family living within a short walking distance to the canal. This location is within easy reach of Willen Lake and the city centre.

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Monkston Park

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

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£500,000

Steeple Claydon

- Detached Family Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room & Fitted Kitchen
- Dressing Area & En-Suite to Master
- Two Further En-Suites & Family Bathroom

A superb five bedroom detached family property available for sale in the village location of 'Steeple Claydon'. Offered with no chain, this sizeable property boasts gas to radiator central heating, double glazing and double garage with off road parking.

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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room with Appliances
- Double Garage & Enclosed Rear Garden

This well presented five double bedroom, two en-suite, detached family property is available for sale in the popular residential area of Kingsmead. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, double garage with off road parking and rear garden.

£530,000

Downhead Park

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Double Garage

An impressive and unusual five bedroom detached property situated on a corner plot at the end of a cul-de-sac. This property is within walking distance of 'Campbell Park' and further benefits from detached double garage, gardens and off road parking.

£450,000

Emerson Valley

- Well Presented Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge with Study Area
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room & Cloakroom

A very well presented and spacious four double bedroom detached family property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in the popular Emerson Valley and within the Shenley Brook End School catchment. Viewing is highly recommended.

£450,000

Two Mile Ash

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refurbished to a High Standard
- Garden & Double Garage

This three bedroom detached bungalow is located in a quiet cul-de-sac location and has been refurbished by the current owners to a very high standard. The landscaped gardens extend around the property and are well stocked.

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Broughton £335,000
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Immaculately Presented
- Conservatory
- Large South Facing Garden

Willen £325,000
- Three Bedroom Link Detached Property
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Sought After Location

Woolstone £310,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & Re-fitted Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

Woolstone £300,000
- Four Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Garden, Driveway & Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Crownhill £288,000
- Spacious Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge/Diner, Kitchen & Conservatory
- Cloakroom & Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Central Heating

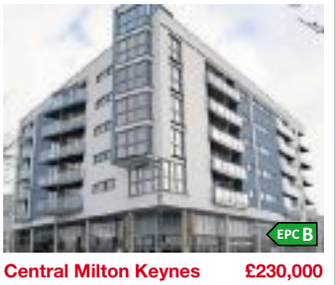
Pennyland £275,000
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Sitting Room & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens

Fishermead £250,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking & Double Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

Ashland £250,000
- Three Bedroom Showroom Property
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Close to Ashland Lake
- Bathroom & En-Suite

Bradville £235,000
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

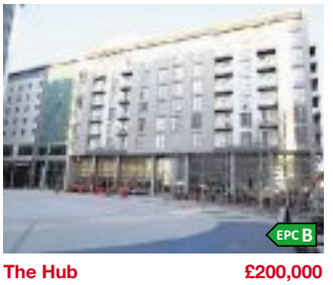
Shenley Lodge £240,000
- Two/Three Bedroom Detached Property
- One/Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- No Chain



Central Milton Keynes £230,000
- Modern Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Balcony
- Underground Parking

Oldbrook £225,000
- Modern Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Gardens & Garage
- No Chain

Great Linford £225,000
- Well Presented Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Chain



The Hub £200,000
- Top Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom & One Bathroom
- Kitchen/Dining Room & Living Room
- Lift & Resident Parking

Springfield £180,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Milton Keynes £170,000
- Much Improved Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms & One Bathroom
- Kitchen/Dining Room, & Conservatory
- Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking

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Giffard Park £350,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen & En-Suite
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £269,999

- Character Cottage
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Courtyard Garden

Newport Pagnell £300,000

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £200,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Bathroom
- No Chain

Newport Pagnell £300,000

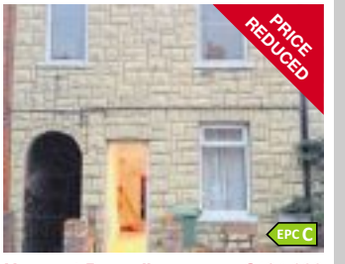
- Five Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

North Crawley £300,000

- Character Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Field Views

Giffard Park £280,000

- Recently Renovated Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms



Newport Pagnell £194,000

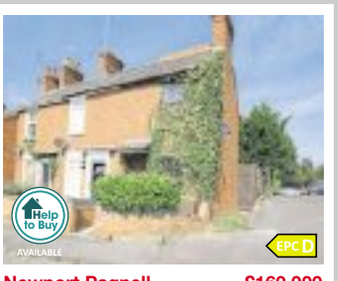
- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- 125ft Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £180,000

- Luxury Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Living Room
- Hight Street Location

Hartwell £170,000

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Off Road Parking



Newport Pagnell £160,000

- End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Ample Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £150,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Top Condition
- No Chain

Redhouse Park £149,500

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Double Bedroom
- Good Decoration Throughout
- Cul-de-Sac Location

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Bletchley 01908 850949

Bletchley **£250,000**

- Extended Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Fifty Foot Drive
- Converted Garage
- Low Maintenance Garden

Bletchley **£240,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Double Length Garage
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Extended Living Room
- Highly Popular Location

Bletchley **£220,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley **£210,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Conservatory

Bletchley **£172,500**

- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Bletchley **£180,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

PUBLIC NOTICE **£144,950**

Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £144,950 for 4 Coleman House, 10 Watling Street, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2AW. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors on 01908 - 370861 prior to exchange of contracts.

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Tattenhoe £305,000
- Well Presented Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Overlooks Linnear Park
- Two Reception Rooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom

Oakhill £289,995
- Four Bedroom Three Storey Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- No Chain

Oxley Park £275,000
- End Terraced Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £190,000
- Sold within Days
- Two Bedroom Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Perracombe £82,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- 40% Shared Ownership Scheme
- £10,000 Premium
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

Kingsmead £385,000
- Sold, More Required
- Link Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

Grange Farm £55,000
- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom & One Bathroom
- Reception Room
- Allocated Parking

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Broughton £345,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner & Bathroom
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Parking Area & Garage

Woolstone £285,000
- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Close to Canal Side Walks
- Call Branch for Details

Caldecotte £330,000
- Three Bedroom Link Detached Property
- Kitchen with Underfloor Heating
- Conservatory
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom

Broughton £325,000
- Modern Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Garden & Garage

WANTED

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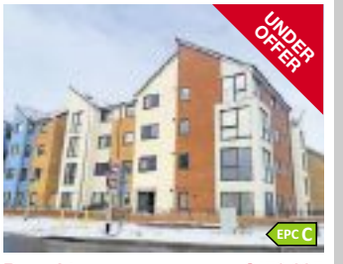
Monkston Park £315,000
- Mid Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite

West Hill £209,995
- Two Bedroom End Terraced Property
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Courtyard Garden
- Popular Village Location



Broughton £179,995
- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Resident Parking

Broughton £175,000
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Popular Location

Broughton £169,995
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Off Road Parking

Broughton £82,500
- 50% Shared Ownership
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Balcony & Garage

Broughton £53,000
- 30% Shared Ownership
- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Show Home Condition

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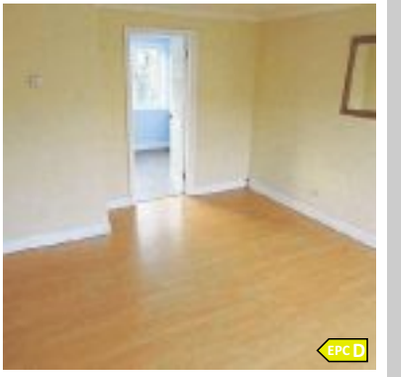
Deanshanger **£245,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Gardens & Carport
- Viewing Recommended

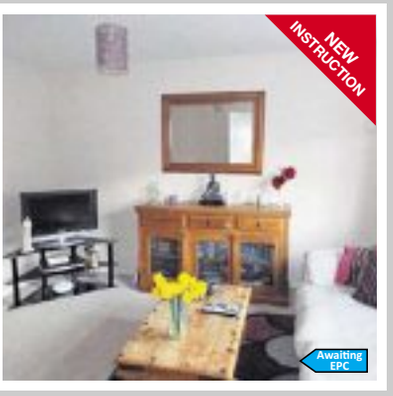
Deanshanger **£225,000**

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Chain



Creslow Court **£185,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Very Well Presented
- Good Size Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Off Road Parking



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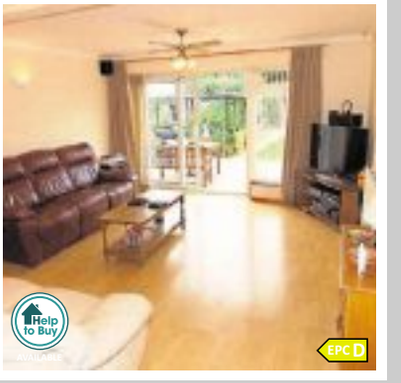
Old Stratford **£170,000**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking Space
- Viewing Recommended

Hanslope **£299,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended



Hartwell **£235,000**

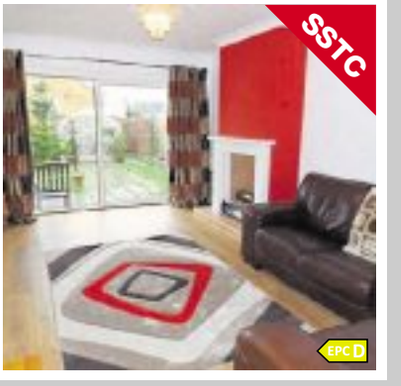
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Fullers Slade **£95,000**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Carport & Off Road Parking
- No Chain

Potterspury **£185,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen & Shower Room
- No Chain



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East Milton Keynes £599,995

A truly gorgeous Cotswold cream six bedroom family property. This spacious property provides large sitting room with separate dining room, utility and cloakroom.

Woolstone £310,000

A three bedroom property in one of the most sought after locations in Milton Keynes. The property features a perfect blend of cottage exterior with a modern interior set in a village location close to central Milton Keynes.

Bradville OIEO £245,000

A well presented extended four bedroom semi detached family property. The accommodation in brief comprises two reception rooms, two bathrooms, garden and off road parking.

Broughton £350,000

This five bedroom detached property is situated in the sought after location of Broughton. It comprises cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining area, first floor landing, en-suite and bathroom.

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Willen **£325,000**

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Willen **£320,000**

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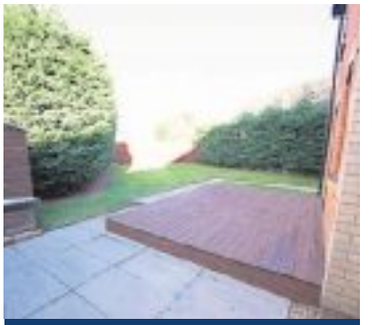

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Kitchen Manager

£16,969 - £18,376 p.a. pro rata
32.5 hours per week, 5.6 hours per day
Term-time only

Vacancy ID: 102594

As Kitchen Manger at Oxley Park Academy in Milton Keynes you will provide meals, plan menus and snack sales according to policy and the needs of the customer base, including those required for ethnic, vegetarian and other special dietary needs.

There will also be an opportunity to provide for other catering services and special functions as required.

It is essential that you are able to communicate and supervise staff while motivating your team.

You must hold a Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering.

Closing date: 9th March 2015

General Kitchen Assistant

£6.99 per hour plus supplement to bring pay in line with the Living Wage, which is currently £14,759 per annum, or £7.65 per hour
Term-time only
15 hours per week, 3 hours per day

Vacancy ID: 102596

As a General Kitchen Assistant at the Oxley Park Academy you will be providing catering services by assisting in the kitchen and dining room as required.

It is essential that you are able to understand and follow instructions, to work effectively as a member of the team and have knowledge kitchen cleanliness to a high standard.

It is also important that you are able to perform physical tasks on a frequent basis, e.g. Lifting catering equipment, up to 20 kilos.

Closing date: 9th March 2015

To apply for these roles, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Please quote appropriate reference number.

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Children's & Adult Services

Early Help Professional

Location: Bedford, Bedfordshire
Salary: £35,662 - £40,217 • Quote Ref: 0008763
37 hours per week (Flexible working may be required)

Early Help and Intervention is a key priority to Bedford Borough and it's partner agencies. In partnership with Bedfordshire Police, Health Services, Schools and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, Bedford Borough Council have developed an exciting and innovative Early Help Strategy which proposes to radically change the way Early Help Services are coordinated and delivered with a key outcome being ensuring children young people and families in Bedford Borough are offered the right support at the right time.

This is an exciting time to be joining a brand new service area and a team who will be at the heart of Bedford's Early Help Offer. We are seeking to recruit 7 Early Help Professionals to drive and implement the proposals within the Early Help Strategy.

The positions will report to the Senior Project Coordinator for Early Help and responsibilities will include;

- To ensure a coordinated and effective approach to Early Help across the authority.
- To support schools and partner agencies to find effective solutions for children young people and families requiring Early Help.
- To deliver a multi-agency Early Help training programme.
- To work closely with Bedfordshire Police to deliver the Relay Scheme ensuring schools have vital information regarding incidents of Domestic Abuse.
- To work as part of a wider service area to reduce exclusions from school.

The ideal candidate will have;

- Sound knowledge in the field of education, health or social care as evidenced in a further education qualification.
- Substantial experience providing services to vulnerable people and their families.
- The ability to organise and prioritise tasks in collaboration with partner organisations.
- In depth up to date knowledge and understanding of the relevant statutory frameworks relating to Early Help and Prevention and Domestic Abuse.
- A degree level qualification in a relevant discipline would be desirable.

For further information and or an informal conversation about the roles please contact Fran Cox on 01234 276884 or frances.cox@bedford.gov.uk

Closing Date: 20 March 2015

Interviews: Interviews will be held at Kings House in Bedford on the 27th March. If you are shortlisted for this role, you will be contacted early week commencing 23rd March and provided with further details around location and timing.

Acting Returning Officer's Staff - Elections Polling Station Staff - 7 May 2015

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Closing Date: 8 March 2015

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Houghton Regis Primary School
St Michael's Avenue, Houghton Regis LU5 5DH

Central Bedfordshire

KEY STAGE 2 YEAR 5 CLASS TEACHER

MPS
Full-time

We are looking for a primary class teacher to join our expanding and successful school in September 2015. We require an excellent classroom practitioner with a thorough knowledge of the primary curriculum to teach a KS2 Yr. 5 class. You must be committed to the education of the whole child.

You will become a member of our dedicated, supportive and hard-working team.

Applications from NQTs are welcome

Please see school website for application pack or for further information please contact Jean Gamble on tel: 01582 867487 or email: houghtonregis@cbc.beds.sch.uk

Closing Date: 12th March 2015
Interview Date: 19th March 2015

Posts working with either children and/or vulnerable adults will be subject to the disclosure of criminal records.

Central Bedfordshire Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all employees, volunteers and contractors to share this commitment.

We are committed to equal opportunities.

Contact Centre Staff

Our client has several vacancies for Contact Centre Staff to work 35 hours per week on a weekly rotating shift, mainly dealing with inbound enquiries.

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To start as soon as possible, we are looking for a temporary School Nurse in this exceptionally friendly and inclusive, multicultural comprehensive school. This is a full time, term time only post to cover a sickness absence to run until 14th July 2015.

The successful candidate will work in the school's medical centre ('The Sanctuary') and be supported by a full time assistant and a consulting GP. Further details and an application form are available on the school website.

Closing date: Friday 6th March 2015 at 3pm.

Job description and application forms are available from the school's website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk. Please send applications for the attention of Julie Shepherd or by email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

Biddenham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check, references and other checks.

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Brooksward School, Tower Drive, Neath Hill, Milton Keynes. MK14 6JZ
Tel: 01908 605605

UKS2 Phase and Mathematics Leader
Salary: MPS/UPS and TLR 2(£2,587) Start date: September 2015

We are seeking to appoint an experienced KS2 teacher who is passionate and enthusiastic about children's learning, in particular mathematics, and who has a proven record of excellent primary classroom practice. The successful candidate will be able to lead, motivate and inspire and have aspirational expectations of both themselves and children which result in high standards. Although this post will initially be based in Upper Key Stage 2, the ability and flexibility to teach and lead a different phase is essential.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate he/she:

- Is an outstanding, inclusive teacher who keeps our children at the heart of everything.
- Has a good understanding of how data is used for school improvement.
- Can work effectively with the Headteacher and Leadership Team to achieve excellence.
- Has experience of leading and developing a whole school initiative.
- Has a passion for mathematics and can inspire other staff in developing the quality of maths teaching and learning.
- Is able to support & develop links between the school, governors, parents and community.

We can offer:-

- Friendly well behaved children who enjoy learning.
- Hardworking, friendly and dedicated staff.
- Regular leadership time and CPD opportunities.

Visits are welcomed. To request an application pack or to arrange a visit, please contact Gill Ashley, School Business Manager.

Closing Date: 9.00am Wednesday 18th March 2015 Interviews: Friday 27th March 2015

Website: http://www.brooksward.milton-keynes.sch.uk

e-mail: office@brooksward.org.uk

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For an application pack please contact **sophy.osman@adoptionplus.co.uk.**
If you wish to discuss the post, please contact Joanne Alper on **01908 218251**

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CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY
Tomlinson Avenue, Luton LU4 0QP

Inclusion Manager

MPS / UPS Plus TLR1 (£7,471) **Vacancy ID: 102582**
Required September 2015

Chantry Primary Academy is a popular and successful school with a highly inclusive ethos. Our children enjoy school and benefit from a wealth of experience in our large staff team. Following the promotion of our current Inclusion Manager we are seeking an experienced SENCo or Inclusion Manager to ensure that we continue to provide excellent support for SEND in our school.

As an inclusive school, we have a large number of support staff, including many specialist staff, who work together with class teachers and team leaders to provide specific support for pupils' learning needs, Chantry also boasts a fully inclusive provision for children with visual impairment with pupils working alongside their peers in mainstream classrooms.

Ofsted visited us in February 2014 and found "Disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs make consistently good progress from their starting points because the school provides well-targeted support for them. Pupils from the specially resourced bases receive very effective support from school staff as well as the specialist teachers from the support base. Consequently, these pupils are making good progress in all subjects."

We are seeking a teacher who:

- is an excellent teacher
- has an unrelenting drive to raise standards
- has high expectations of achievement and behaviour
- is hardworking and highly motivated
- has the ability to develop children's well-being and self-esteem
- is approachable, positive and has a good sense of humour and can build strong relationships with pupils, staff, parents and the wider community
- is passionate about SEND
- has achieved the National SEN accreditation or is looking to attain this in the future.

We can offer you:

- our commitment to your professional development
- the opportunity to work with wonderful children in our highly respected and popular school
- a highly skilled team of specialist staff and teaching assistants to work with you
- a friendly and welcoming team-based environment.

For further details and an application form please contact Mel Clarke at the school address, tel: 01582 706500 ext 257 or email: hradmin@chantryprimaryacademy.com

Closing Date: 11th March 2015
Interview Date: w/c 16th March 2015

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BEDFORD SCHOOL

SCHOOL NURSE

We are seeking an enthusiastic and professional Registered Nurse to provide nursing care and first aid to all members of the School community.

Hours are an average of 21.5 per week during term time only, including some Saturday cover, on a rota basis.

RECEPTIONIST/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are also looking for a friendly yet professional person to man the School's reception desk and act as a first point of contact for visitors. Calm and happy to work in a busy environment you will also assist boys and staff with queries and undertake general administrative duties.

This is a full time role, working all year round and includes some Saturday mornings on a rota basis.

CLEANERS

Also required are two new members for our School Cleaning Team. One role is permanent, working evenings from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, along with three hours on Saturdays and the other is a maternity cover (from May to February 2016) working 7.00am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. Both roles are term time plus two weeks in the school holidays.

For further details of all the above roles and an application pack please visit: **www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies**

Completed applications should be emailed to: hr@bedfordschool.org.uk or posted to Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road, Bedford MK40 2PL.

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

All posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS Clearance.

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Closing Date 16 March 2015

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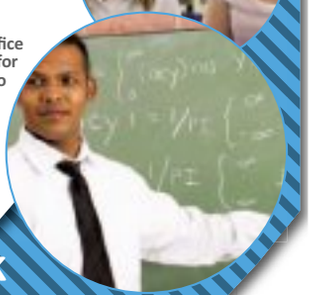

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Senior Enforcement Officer

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Ref: 50020494

We need a professional officer with a proven track record of undertaking environmental health investigations and a relevant professional qualification or equivalent knowledge to strengthen our team. A member of a professional body, you'll bring broad knowledge of environmental health legislation together with expertise in noise and public health investigations.

For informal enquiries please contact Martin Brown on 01908 252736.

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Willing to work outside normal office hours on occasion and keen to train, you will undertake regulatory inspections of licensed vehicles and then communicate with owners on faults and omissions. Perhaps an MOT tester looking for a new challenge, you will have a full driving licence with B category and experience of inspecting light vehicles.

For informal enquiries please contact Simon Teesdale on 01908 252354.

Closing date: 15th March 2015.

Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade.

To apply online visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/jobs-careers
For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk
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Hastingsbury
Hill Rise, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7EB

Teacher of English – Two Positions

MPS (Recruitment Allowance)

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teachers of English who will be able to encourage and inspire our students. There are two positions, one permanent contract and a second position on a one year contract to cover maternity leave. Hastingsbury has a well-established and ambitious English and Communications Faculty which has a tradition of good teaching and high standards.

This is an ideal role for NQTs or returning teachers, where high quality mentoring will be provided. For more experienced teachers we offer various opportunities to progress your career. Additional responsibilities may be offered to suitable candidates. The positions include teaching across the age and ability range. The ability to teach at A Level would be advantageous and would be encouraged.

If you have imagination and aspirations then we can provide a friendly and supportive environment in which you can flourish.

A Recruitment allowance will be available after successful completion of your first term.

Hastingsbury is a 13-19 multi-cultural community College situated on a pleasant suburban site to the south west of Bedford.

For an application pack, please visit our website alternatively for further details please contact Joanne Carr on tel: 01234 290900 or email: jcarr@hastingsbury.beds.sch.uk

Closing date: 13th March 2015, Midday
Interview date: w/c 16th March 2015

Kempston Rural Lower School
Martell Drive, Kempston, Bedfordshire MK42 7FJ

KS1 Class Teacher

Full-Time
MPS
Required for September 2015

A dedicated and inspirational KS1 class teacher. If you are hard-working, creative, enthusiastic and dedicated to ensuring that children reach their full potential then we would love to hear from you. In return we offer a well resourced and high achieving lower school with delightful children and a supportive staff team. Visits to the school are welcomed.

For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs. J. Branch on tel: 01234 854286 or email: kempston@deal.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing Date: 12th March 2015, 12 noon
Interview Date: 19th March 2015

Ridgeway Special School
Hill Rise, Kempston MK42 7EB

1 Primary Teacher and 1 Secondary Teacher

Full-Time
MPS or UPS, TLR & SEN (depending on experience)

Ridgeway is a school for children aged 3-19 with a physical disability, medical need and associated learning difficulties.

We are seeking to appoint two talented teachers for September 2015 to work in our Early Years and Secondary departments.

The successful Candidates will be excellent Early Years or Primary classroom practitioners with some special needs experience and have the ability to co-ordinate maths, humanities or art throughout the school.

Visits to school prior to interview are essential and may be arranged by contacting the school office. You can also find out more about us on our website: www.ridgewayschool.org.uk

For further information and an application pack please contact Joyce Webb, Office Manager on tel: 01234 402402 or email: joyce.webb@ridgeway.bedssch.co.uk.

Closing Date: 13th March, 1pm
Interview Date: 23rd & 24th March 2015

St James' C of E VA Lower School, Biddenham
Main Rd, Biddenham, Bedford MK40 4BD

KS2 Class Teacher

Full-Time
MPS

We require for September 2015 a KS2 (Y3 or Y4) teacher with a passion for mathematics and computing who is able to provide a high quality educational experience for all.

The staff and governors at St James' C of E VA Lower School are looking for applicants who have two to three years' experience and are keen to support the school in further developing the maths and computing curriculum. The school is at an exciting stage in its development; this post would suit candidates keen to progress in their career.

Visits are warmly welcomed prior to application.

Completed applications are to be returned to the school

For further details and an application pack please contact Mrs Susan Forynski on tel: 01234 352721 or email: stjameslower@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing Date: 16th March 2015, 4pm
Interview Date: 25th March 2015

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ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Gardenia Avenue, Luton LU3 2NS

Teaching Assistant (2)

£5,781 - £6,403 p.a. (Pro rata) **Vacancy ID: 102595**
15 hours per week, term-time only
Fixed-term until 31st December 2015

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St. Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools amalgamated on 01 January 2015 to form St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. This is an exciting time in the life of the school and Governors warmly invite applications for Teaching Assistant (2).

We are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant who can work across Early Years, KS1 and KS2.

Are you someone who:

- Will be dedicated to supporting the aims and ethos of our successful Catholic school?
- Will be flexible, enthusiastic and committed to supporting the needs of individuals and groups of pupils school wide?
- Will work as part of a team and demonstrate a positive attitude and good communication skills?
- Will demonstrate high expectations of pupil attainment and behaviour and display excellent classroom practice?

We can offer:

- a strong Catholic school community with a friendly staff
- a highly supportive leadership team, committed to raising standards in a welcoming environment
- a school with a clear vision for its future as a Primary School
- positive, happy children who enjoy learning
- excellent home, school and parish links
- a well resourced school and stimulating learning environment
- a commitment to your professional development.

A visit to the school is encouraged to fully appreciate what the school can offer to the right candidate. For an application pack please contact Mrs. A Board at the school address, telephone 01582 572964 or email admin@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk Alternatively, please send a Large SAE to the school address.

Successful applicants for interview will be contacted by telephone in the first instance on Friday 20th March 2015

Closing Date: 18th March 2015 at 12 Noon
Interview Date: 26th March 2015

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Ardley Hill Academy
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Central Bedfordshire

YEAR 6 TEACHER
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Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.
Closing date for applications: Noon on Thursday 12th March 2015
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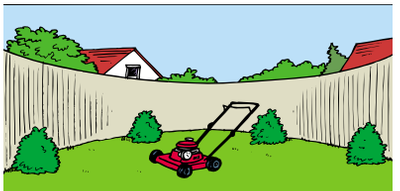

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LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th February 2015 **Asda Stores Limited** applied to The Licensing Authority at Milton Keynes Council for a Premises Licence in respect of **Asda**, Oakridge Park Local Centre, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes. The proposed licensable activities are; 1. The supply of alcohol on Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 06.00 to 24.00. 2. To permit late night refreshment on Mondays to Sundays between the hours of 23.00 and 24.00. Any representations by a responsible authority or any other person regarding this application must be received in writing by; Licensing Team, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. Tel 01908 252800; Email; licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than the 25th March 2015 stating the grounds for representations. The register of Milton Keynes Council and the record of the application may be inspected via the licensing register at the above address. This is accessible Mondays to Thursdays between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensingregister It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WOBURN SANDS LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF STATION ROAD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 3rd March 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because works are to be carried out, namely the annual inspection and maintenance of Woburn Sands level crossing. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along Station Road, Woburn Sands for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Woburn Sands level crossing, together with the level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 11:00 pm on Saturday 07th March 2015 until 4:30 am on Monday 9th March 2015.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via A5130 Newport Road, A421, Newport Road, Bedford Road, School Lane, A4012 Crawley Road, A5130 Newport Road, A5130 Station Road, High Street, A5130 Station Road and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties and any vehicle connected to the associated works.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 7th March 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and the alternative routes can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

04 March 2015

Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall
Milton Keynes

Rachael Kingsley
Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00225/FUL	Erection of single storey infill extension linking main dwelling to garage at 18 Kindleton, Great Linford
15/00253/FUL	New double garage, conversion of existing double garage and installation of bay window at 26 Boulters Lock, Giffard Park
15/00262/FUL	Conversion of existing outbuilding to residential dwelling (use class C3) at 30 Dartmouth Road, Olney
15/00271/FUL	Two storey rear extension at 10 Russell Street, Woburn Sands
15/00309/FUL	Erection of retaining stone wall at rear garden boundary at Grange Farm, High Street, Weston Underwood
15/00312/FUL	Single storey front infill extension to kitchen at 3 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes
15/00315/FUL	Single storey side extension (resubmission of 14/02643/FUL) at 39 High Street, Great Linford
15/00337/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Cotoneaster tree and one Apple tree at 14 Union Street, Newport Pagnell
15/00341/FUL	Rear extension garden room at Dove House, 6 Church Street, Olney
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/00324/FUL	Erection of storage building at Foreign And Commonwealth Office, Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope
15/00338/FUL	Construction of storage shed, new pedestrian path within churchyard and minor alterations to south porch for improved access for disabled users (resubmission of 14/01401/FUL) at St Mary's Church, High Street, Haversham
	WIDER PUBLICITY
15/00385/FUL	New waste water treatment plant, two brine tanks and one glass crusher, each with bunded enclosures and canopies; associated access roads and service yards at Walton Manor, Brickhill Street

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/00171/REM	Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 14/01550/OUT for the erection of 56 x residential units; approval sought for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Site At Former Council Depot, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
15/00391/MMAM	Minor material amendment to planning permission 13/02432/MKCOD3 in relation to mounds surrounding the playing fields at Denbigh School, Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End
15/00392/MMAM	Minor material amendment to application 12/02111/FUL for amendment to approved plans to revise and update the condition relating to the retail facilities at Local Centre, Selkirk Drive, Oakridge Park

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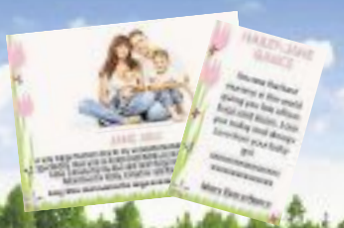

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COUNCIL TAX 2015 -16

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that on the 25th February 2015, Milton Keynes Council set the Council Tax for the financial year 2015-2016, which commences on 1st April 2015. The amounts payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band and in each parish are as follows:

AREAS	BAND A £	BAND B £	BAND C £	BAND D £	BAND E £	BAND F £	BAND G £	BAND H £
Abbey Hill (PC)	928.32	1,083.03	1,237.76	1,392.47	1,701.91	2,011.35	2,320.79	2,784.94
Astwood & Hardmead (PC)	943.69	1,100.96	1,258.26	1,415.53	1,730.10	2,044.66	2,359.22	2,831.06
Bletchley & Fenny Stratford (TC)	1,003.86	1,171.16	1,338.48	1,505.78	1,840.40	2,175.02	2,509.64	3,011.56
Bow Brickhill (PC)	961.94	1,122.26	1,282.59	1,442.91	1,763.56	2,084.21	2,404.85	2,885.82
Bradwell (PC)	956.08	1,115.41	1,274.77	1,434.11	1,752.81	2,071.50	2,390.19	2,868.22
Broughton & Milton Keynes (PC)	935.64	1,091.57	1,247.52	1,403.45	1,715.33	2,027.21	2,339.09	2,806.90
Calverton (PM)	921.65	1,075.25	1,228.87	1,382.47	1,689.69	1,996.91	2,304.12	2,764.94
Campbell Park (PC)	1,004.05	1,171.38	1,338.74	1,506.07	1,840.76	2,175.44	2,510.12	3,012.14
Castlethorpe (PC)	961.32	1,121.53	1,281.76	1,441.97	1,762.41	2,082.85	2,403.29	2,883.94
Central Milton Keynes (PC)	944.81	1,102.27	1,259.75	1,417.21	1,732.15	2,047.09	2,362.02	2,834.42
Chicheley (PM)	931.84	1,087.14	1,242.46	1,397.76	1,708.38	2,019.00	2,329.60	2,795.52
Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville (PC)	944.29	1,101.66	1,259.06	1,416.43	1,731.20	2,045.96	2,360.72	2,832.86
Cold Brayfield (PM)	934.51	1,090.25	1,246.02	1,401.76	1,713.27	2,024.77	2,336.27	2,803.52
Emberton (PC)	962.09	1,122.43	1,282.79	1,443.13	1,763.83	2,084.53	2,405.22	2,886.26
Fairfields (PM)	921.65	1,075.25	1,228.87	1,382.47	1,689.69	1,996.91	2,304.12	2,764.94
Gayhurst (PM)	938.50	1,094.90	1,251.33	1,407.74	1,720.58	2,033.41	2,346.24	2,815.48
Great Linford (PC)	953.70	1,112.64	1,271.60	1,430.54	1,748.44	2,066.34	2,384.24	2,861.08
Hanslope (PC)	965.28	1,126.16	1,287.05	1,447.92	1,769.68	2,091.45	2,413.20	2,895.84
Haversham & Little Linford (PC)	953.34	1,112.23	1,271.13	1,430.01	1,747.79	2,065.58	2,383.35	2,860.02
Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow (PC)	944.92	1,102.40	1,259.90	1,417.38	1,732.36	2,047.34	2,362.30	2,834.76
Lathbury (PM)	938.63	1,095.06	1,251.51	1,407.94	1,720.82	2,033.70	2,346.57	2,815.88
Lavendon (PC)	954.62	1,113.72	1,272.83	1,431.93	1,750.14	2,068.35	2,386.55	2,863.86
Little Brickhill (PC)	959.27	1,119.14	1,279.03	1,438.90	1,758.66	2,078.42	2,398.17	2,877.80
Loughton & Great Holm (PC)	942.98	1,100.13	1,257.31	1,414.46	1,728.79	2,043.12	2,357.44	2,828.92
Moulsoe (PC)	933.39	1,088.95	1,244.52	1,400.08	1,711.21	2,022.35	2,333.47	2,800.16
New Bradwell (PC)	964.14	1,124.83	1,285.53	1,446.21	1,767.59	2,088.98	2,410.35	2,892.42
Newport Pagnell (TC)	967.60	1,128.85	1,290.13	1,451.39	1,773.93	2,096.46	2,418.99	2,902.78
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Old Woughton (PC)	935.70	1,091.64	1,247.60	1,403.54	1,715.44	2,027.34	2,339.24	2,807.08
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Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe (PC)	957.39	1,116.95	1,276.52	1,436.08	1,755.21	2,074.35	2,393.47	2,872.16
Shenley Church End (PC)	956.98	1,116.46	1,275.97	1,435.46	1,754.46	2,073.45	2,392.44	2,870.92
Sherington (PC)	957.13	1,116.64	1,276.18	1,435.69	1,754.74	2,073.78	2,392.82	2,871.38
Simpson & Ashland (PC)	952.80	1,111.59	1,270.40	1,429.19	1,746.79	2,064.39	2,381.99	2,858.38
Stantonbury (PC)	961.50	1,121.74	1,282.00	1,442.24	1,762.74	2,083.24	2,403.74	2,884.48
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Walton (PC)	952.81	1,111.60	1,270.42	1,429.21	1,746.82	2,064.42	2,382.02	2,858.42
Warrington (PM)	921.65	1,075.25	1,228.87	1,382.47	1,689.69	1,996.91	2,304.12	2,764.94
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West Bletchley (PC)	1,003.27	1,170.47	1,337.70	1,504.90	1,839.33	2,173.75	2,508.17	3,009.80
Weston Underwood (PC)	973.64	1,135.90	1,298.19	1,460.45	1,785.00	2,109.55	2,434.09	2,920.90
Whitehouse (PM)	921.65	1,075.25	1,228.87	1,382.47	1,689.69	1,996.91	2,304.12	2,764.94
Woburn Sands (TC)	975.94	1,138.58	1,301.25	1,463.90	1,789.22	2,114.53	2,439.84	2,927.80
Wolverton & Greenleys (TC)	987.21	1,151.74	1,316.28	1,480.81	1,809.88	2,138.96	2,468.02	2,961.62
Woughton (PC)	1,029.80	1,201.43	1,373.07	1,544.70	1,887.97	2,231.24	2,574.50	3,089.40

Dated 25th February 2015

Chief Executive
Civic Offices
Central Milton Keynes

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LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE FOR WEBSITE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE is hereby given that: FILIPINO BRITISH SOCIETY (FBS)

Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a NEW PREMISES LICENCE

At: Campbell Park

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Regulated Entertainment and Live Music:
Saturday and Sunday 10.00 to 19.00
On a weekend during July/August each year
(exact date will vary from year to year)

Full details of the application can be seen further on in this document.

Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: 21st March 2015

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM
COMMUNITY WELLBEING DIRECTORATE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
CIVIC OFFICES
1 SAXON GATE EAST
MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ
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Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.)

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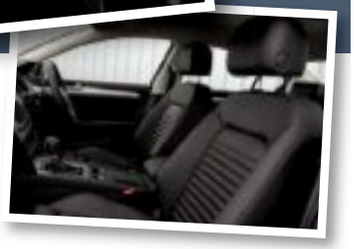

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Volkswagen Passat

The Volkswagen Passat really hits the ground running in version eight. More spacious and stylish with a range of economical diesel engines and an all-wheel drive 240PS flagship, the Passat builds in a host of high-tech features but still majors on ride quality and cabin refinement.

This is the section where we normally muse about power outputs, steering feel and how a car handles, but none of that is really that germane to a discussion on the Passat. Here, it's all about refinement and ride quality. Not a lot else matters. With that in mind, we were quite surprised to find Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC), a function that alters the steering weighting, the sharpness of the throttle response and the firmness of the suspension on the options list. It seems a bit ' evo magazine' for the Passat.

Big sales depend on the 2.0-litre 150PS diesel engine and it's a unit that's respectably refined, doing its best work between 2,250 and 3,500rpm with precious little in the way of vibration or diesel rumble entering the cabin. The 1.6-litre 120PS diesel isn't quite so impressive, but graduate further up the range and you'll find a 190PS 2.0 TDI and the range-topping all-wheel drive biturbo 2.0-litre, good for a hefty 240PS. There's even a GTE plug-in petrol/electric hybrid model offered. The manual gearbox has evolved into something Volkswagen is rightly proud of, although a DSG twin-clutch still seems a more natural fit for the Passat. As ever, the 17-inch wheel and tyre set will offer better ride comfort than the stiffer-sidewalled 18-inch rubber.

In fact, the latest car is a touch shorter but both lower and wider than before and with 79mm more built into the wheelbase, there's more space in the cabin. The dashboard is a good deal more setsquare than before, although Volkswagen would probably call it 'architectural'. It now features a big central screen and a set of optional digital 'virtual' dials. The seats, as in most Volkswagens, initially feel unyielding but are supremely comfortable over longer distances. Three adults can fit in the back too. The boot measures an enormous 586-litres (up from 565) while the estate gets even more, with 650-litres available under the tonneau (up from 603).

The formula for the success of the Passat is one that Volkswagen has very carefully tweaked and perfected over the last 42 years, but it's really been since the launch of the 1996 fifth-generation car that the Passat has found its niche. This latest car offers more finesse, higher tech options, some eminently sensible financial propositions as well as a real cracker of a flagship to act as the halo product.

Would you buy one over a 3 Series or an Audi A4 though? A few years ago, the answer would only have been positive if you needed to haul a serious load of photocopier spares or, if you were a private buyer, you were on the leisurely side of the retirement threshold. These days, the Passat is a more aspirational item and there's a certain cool about it that stems from not being seen to be trying too hard. We like that. Volkswagen will too if advance orders are anything to go by.

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MK DONS

Lewis is the comeback kid for team

CHELSEA loanee Lewis Baker has revealed that his dad stopped him from joining MK Dons when he was a child because he thought he was too young.

Baker, 19, has joined Dons on loan until the end of the season, but things could have been very different had he been allowed to join the stadiummk outfit when he was younger.

"I was at MK Dons when I was younger at a training camp but my dad thought I was too young to sign," said Baker.

"I didn't sign and now I'm back here.

"I live down the road at Luton and it's not too far."

Baker had been on loan at Sheffield Wednesday earlier this season, making two appearances, but he said it's important for him to get first team experience.

"After my first loan at Sheffield Wednesday I was looking to try and get out and when I knew MK Dons were interested I jumped at the chance," he added.

"I've watched MK Dons a few times this season and they play great football, they're second in the league and looking for promotion. I need to play first-team football – I've been playing U21 football and I think this is the next step in my career.

Dons delight: Loan signing Joe Walsh is focused on making it into the first team

"The club's all about winning, which is the same at Chelsea, so there's the same mentality.

"I've played central midfield most of my life and it's a position I want to try and make my own and league football is what I need to do to improve."

Baker is also looking forward to playing alongside Darren Potter in the centre of midfield and hopes Dele Alli can make a quick recovery.

"Dele's been a great player for MK Dons and I know him personally – he's a great lad and I hope he has a speedy recovery and he can help the team get promotion.

"Darren is also a great player and I personally think he could play at a higher level."

Dons delight: Loan signing Joe Walsh is focused on making it into the first team

Walsh jumped at the chance to join Dons

BY SCOTT KIRK

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NEW loan signing Joe Walsh said the opportunity to play for MK Dons was too good an opportunity to turn down.

The 22-year-old is the second Crawley Town captain in the space of a year to sign for Dons, following the capture of Kyle McFadzean from the Red Devils in the summer.

The defender has joined on loan for the rest of the season with a view to making the deal permanent in the summer.

Walsh said that familiar faces at Dons, which include his former room-mate McFadzean and ex-Crawley manager Richie Barker, will help him settle at the club.

"I know MK Dons from Kyle coming here and Richie, so I kept an eye on them and how they were doing in the league," said Walsh, who is a left-footed defender who can play at centre back and left back.

"Everyone knows about how well MK Dons are doing in the league this season and the Capital One Cup against Man United and they're a club on the up.

"I know Richie, as he took me to Crawley, and I was good mates with Kyle and lived with him – so it makes it easier to settle in and get to know everyone else because he knows everyone else."

Crawley are in the midst of a relegation fight in League One this season, and while the club's player of the year for last season said he didn't want to leave it in that sort of position, he also felt that he couldn't turn down the chance to move to Dons.

"It was sad to leave Crawley in the position they're in, and I wanted to help them get out of that, but I can't turn down an opportunity like this at a team towards the top of the division and it looks like they could go up to the Championship."

Walsh is unlikely to break straight into the first team, with McFadzean and Antony Kay having struck up an excellent partnership at the back so far this season, but the Welshman, who was called up to the national squad in October 2014 for internationals against Bosnia-Herzegovina and Cyprus, is happy to wait for his opportunity to get into the first team.

"I know those two have been doing well all season and I've just got to bide my time and do well in training and when my time comes I need to be ready."

MK Dons assistant boss RICHIE BARKER writes exclusively for MK NEWS

WE'VE played a lot worse than Saturday at Coventry and won, and going by the indicators that we use to assess how we think we've played, we did everything that was expected.

It was disappointing to concede those goals in a mad five minutes and that's something which we need to tighten up. But in terms of the rest of it, it was pretty much what we were looking for.

We're well aware that there's a random factor sometimes in a game and that unfortunately reared its head.

Their staff said they've had no luck for four months and they reckoned they'd saved it up for the game against us.

It's amazing how little things make your luck turn and I'm sure Steven Pressley will be at home wondering where that luck has been for him.

We've got back-to-back home games and it's a difficult run with Preston flying high. It's a really important week and we seem to be saying this a lot now.

Me and Karl were driving in saying that by Saturday night we've only got 11 games left, which means that a week after that we're into single figures of games that are left and that's when you realise that the season's nearly over.

We've still got loads to play for and so many teams' seasons are usually over by now and are fizzling out and that's pretty much what I found out when I came in this time last year. I think this season will go right to the wire.

Preston have won five out of five, so it doesn't get any tougher than that.

There are good times and bad times to play certain teams and you need that bit of luck. We're probably playing Preston at not a great time, but by the end of this weekend there's only Swindon left in the top seven that we haven't played.

It was the Capital One Cup final on Sunday and once Chelsea went 2-0 up I thought that would be the minimum final result.

Joe Walsh has come and it was one of the positions that we've been fairly lucky with because Dean Lewington and Antony Kay have hardly picked up any injuries or suspensions this season.

Lee Hodson filled in there, but it's something we've been looking to strengthen for quite a while and I've worked with him before.

FORMULA 1

Red Bull razzle without dazzle

RED Bull F1 team, based in Tilbrook, have revealed they will be going back to their dark blue livery for the start of the F1 season, following the 'dazzle design' used during testing.

The design, which featured white markings, used out in Spain for testing took spectators and critics alike by surprise and caused a few headlines with its slightly different look.

The design is not uncommon in the motoring industry, with manufacturers regularly using this sort of pattern during testing to avert prying eyes.

Red Bull said: "We've made our mark in the last 10 years in dark blue and in dark blue we'll remain."

The team continued to say that they are not the most traditional of teams but value the heritage of the sport.

Red Bull are often a very secretive team; it is not uncommon to see mechanics standing in front of equipment in the pits on race day to prevent people taking photos.

Whatever the reason for the jazzed up look, it proved to be a great talking point and certainly caught the eye.

Designed to dazzle: Driver Daniel Ricciardo and, *left*, a Red Bull car, but not as you know it

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CYCLING

Stannard keeps his cool to defend Belgian title

MILTON Keynes cyclist Ian Stannard kept his cool in Belgium at the weekend, fending off three competitors to defend his Omloop Het Niewwsblad title.

Stannard dug deep to beat three riders from Etixx-Quick-Step, who at one stage looked to gang up on the British rider.

Stannard overcame Niki Terpstra in the final sprint after battling it out with Tom Boonen and Stijn Vanderbergh earlier in the race.

He remains the only Brit to have ever won the title, and had a lot to owe to his team mates Sir Bradley Wiggins and Bernhard Eisel.

The pair pulled some big turns protecting their team mate, allowing him to conserve energy and put in a big sprint to overcome the Etixx-Quick-Step challenge.

The race took in some potentially dangerous stages with cobbled roads and meandering roads in Flanders.

Wiggins eventually finished in 44th place, five minutes behind his winning team mate, but the Olympic medallist is concentrating his efforts on the Paris-Roubaix one-day classic later in the year.

It is likely to be his last race for Team Sky.

Talking to the teams site afterwards, Stannard revealed he felt a little bit of pressure, but said he felt confident he could pull the win off.

Hotting up: Ian Stannard gets his legs pumping on the way to victory

RUGBY

Alchester win to relegate MK

OLNEY arrested a run of five straight defeats by beating struggling Stewarts & Lloyds 24-0 in Midlands 2 East (South).

A penalty and returning skipper Jack Sutton going over for a converted try, gave Olney a 10-0 lead at half-time.

Jake Chalmers extended the lead after the interval, with James Hawken kicking the conversion to make it 17-0. The win was confirmed when a penalty try was awarded to Olney and Hawken kept up his 100 per cent record to seal a 24-0 win, keeping Olney sixth in the league.

In South West 1 East, Bletchley were beaten 57-15 by Reading and they remain rooted to the bottom of the table.

Milton Keynes sealed their fate on Saturday afternoon with a loss against relegation rivals Alchester. This was a match that both sides needed to win to improve their chances of remaining in Southern Counties North.

Neither side played particularly well, but Alchester were in control of the game for most of the match. Within 10 minutes of the start Alchester scored the first try and conversion, following some missed tackling by the City defence.

Dean Pearson scored a converted try to put them 7-5 up early on, but Alchester then went on to take a 22-7 lead.

Scott Aspinal reduced their arrears to 22-12 and a converted try by Dan Rolfe put them within three points.

But with minutes left, Alchester scored a converted try to win the match 29-12 and relegate Milton Keynes.

ICE HOCKEY

Captain Carr is 500 not out

MK LIGHTNING captain Adam Carr thanked the fans after he celebrated playing his 500th game for the club.

The skipper achieved the incredible landmark on Sunday against Guildford Flame and he said he was proud to have played so many times for Lightning.

"I would like to thank everyone for their messages on social media and from all the players on the ice this weekend," said Carr.

"For me hitting 500 league games for MK, I'm really proud to make a bit of history for this great club."

It was a good weekend for him to make history as Lightning notched up three points in their bid to avoid finishing eighth in the table.

Lightning came within 35 seconds of achieving their fourth win in a row when they were defeated 4-3 in overtime at Guildford Flames.

A goal from veteran British forward David Longstaff eventually sunk the visitors, but they picked up a valuable point away from home to maintain seventh spot in the league table.

Twenty-four hours earlier Lightning ended Manchester Phoenix's hopes in a similar manner – except the opposition went home empty handed thanks to a Milan Kostourek strike 24 seconds from the end of regulation time, to ensure a 5-4 victory.

The city side were again missing defencemen Michael Farn, John Connolly and Ross Green on Saturday, so Leigh Jamieson stepped into a blue line role. Farn returned on Sunday, but Lewis Christie was unable to play due to an injury sustained the previous night.

Lightning have just five games left this season before the playoffs, with just one of those games taking place at the weekend and it's a big one as Lightning entertain bottom club Bracknell Bees.

Captain fantastic: Adam Carr played his 500th game for Lightning at the weekend and his team won three out of four points

SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

SHERINGTON runner Alex Smith won his first race at the weekend in the Cambridge Boundary Run.

From Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club, Nadine Lewycky finished 12th in the Berkhamsted Half-Marathon, while road specialist Mark Ryall was third.

At the Coventry Half Marathon, Neil Jones was 197th from the huge field of over 3,500. Jeremy Vick placed eighth in the Winslow 10k.

In the England AA Indoor Championships, Ebony Carr made the final of the U17 60m. In the U20 60m hurdles, Elysia Marriott placed fifth in her heat, while Laura Zialor, failed to get a valid jump in the first three rounds of the U20 triple jump.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town fought from two goals down thanks to goals from Dave Baker and Dom Lawless in their Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy tie with Windsor, but an injury time penalty broke their hearts as they lost 3-2 on February 24.

On the same day in the United Counties League Division One, Olney Town picked up a creditable 2-2 draw with title-chasing Northampton ON Chenecks, thanks to goals from Jamie Burrows and James Pacifici.

Stony Stratford Town lost 4-2 to Codicote in the Spartan South Midlands Division One. Old Bradwell United beat Kent Athletic 1-0 after extra time in the Division Two Cup semi-final and they will play Hale Leys United in the final. In Division Two, New Bradwell St Peter beat Ealing Town 5-1, while Wolverton Town lost 2-1 to Mursley United. In the National Christian Cup quarter-final, Clean Slate lost 4-0 to St Columbas (Liverpool.)

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies have gone five games unbeaten in the South Clubs' Women's Division 3A after drawing 1-1 with Wallingford. The men lost 4-1 to Purley Walcountians in the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

SPEEDWAY

MK KNIGHTS are meeting tomorrow at Age UK headquarters at the Peartree Centre in Peartree Bridge ahead of the new season. People can chat about last season's highs and look forward to the new season at Mildenhall.

HANDBALL

THE Oly Cats handball development squad kept the pressure on at the top of the Midlands Regional Development League by securing an emphatic 40-16 win against Lincoln on Saturday.

SKELETON

ROSE McGrandle is in the Great Britain World Championships squad that has arrived in Winterberg, Germany. Regular finishes in the top ten meant that the 28-year-old finished seventh overall in the World Cup.

SWIMMING

Central Milton Keynes Swimming club set five South East England records, seven county records and 14 club records as the 2015 Oxford & North Bucks Counties came to an exciting conclusion. CMK finished second overall behind Oxford.

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Third time unlucky for Dons

Chelsea loanee scores wonder-strike but Chesterfield overturn lead as Dons drop to third

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MK DONS lost to Chesterfield for the third time this season after they threw away a one goal lead to move down to third in League One.

Dons have already played Chesterfield twice at stadiummk this season and lost both games 1-0. That was because their FA Cup first round match was ordered to be replayed by the FA after the Spireites fielded an ineligible player.

Lewis Baker was signed on loan from Chelsea for the rest of the season last week and he showed exactly why he belongs to the Premier League leaders when he scored a beautiful, curling effort from 20 yards to give Dons a 1-0 lead.

But Dons were second best in this game and goals for Gary Roberts and Caolan Lavery in the second-half overturned the advantage.

Dons, who had Dean Lewington sent off, take on second-placed Preston North End on Saturday in what is now a must-win game.

Read the full match report online at:
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Match highlights from a dramatic game that saw Dons drop a place

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